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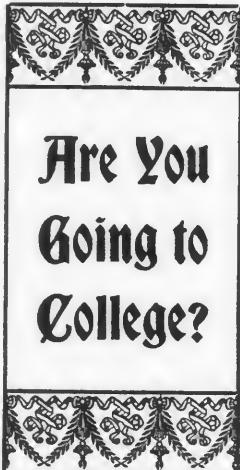
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Bangor,	150 00	Langford,	100 00
Bath,	60 00	Leola,	100 00
Bowdle,	125 00	Mound City,	100 00
Britton,	50 00	Northville,	60 00
Claremont,	50 00	Warner,	125 00
Conde,	80 00	District,	400 00
Devoe,	150 00		
Doland,	150 00	Total,	\$1,908 00

HURON DISTRICT.

Alpena,	\$70 00	Miller,	\$130 00
Blunt,	60 00	Okoboji,	44 00
Burdette,	80 00	Onida,	75 00
Cavour,	70 00	Pierre,	120 00
Desmet,	130 00	Redfield,	80 00
Faulkton,	90 00	Wessington,	90 00
Forest City,	75 00	Wessington Springs,	70 00
Gettysburg,	90 00	Winthrop,	85 00
Highmore,	90 00	Wolsey,	60 00
Hitchcock,	50 00	District,	360 00
Iroquois,	90 00		
Lebanon,	40 00	Total,	\$2,049,00

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Armour,	\$100 00	Parkston,	\$100 00
Artesian,	60 00	Plankinton,	100 00
Mt. Vernon,	100 00	Scotland,	100 00
Fulton,	60 00	Tripp and Delmont,	60 00
Carthage,	100 00	Tyndall,	60 00
Chamberlain,	100 00	Springfield,	100 00
Howard,	100 00	White Lake,	100 00
Bridgewater and Canastota,	60 00	Woonsocket,	140 00
Letcher,	100 00	District,	360 00
La Roche,	60 00		
		Total,	\$1,960 00

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

Alcester,	\$66 00	Lennox,	\$40 00
Beresford,	50 00	Lodi,	50 00
Dell Rapids,	50 00	Montrose,	90 00
Egan,	50 00	Jordan,	186 00
Elkpoint,	50 00	Valley Springs,	70 00
Gayville,	48 00	Wakonda,	70 00
Hudson,	50 00	Yankton,	100 00
Hurley,	64 00	District,	185 00
Hartford,	70 00		
		Total,	\$1,289 00

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Big Stone City,	\$50 00	Kampeska,	\$50 00
Bradley,	65 00	Lake Preston,	80 00
Bristol,	50 00	Sisseton,	90 00
Brookings Circuit,	50 00	Summit and Waubay,	65 00
Castlewood and Bruce,	50 00	Webster,	64 00
Clark,	110 00	Twinbrooks,	70 00
Clearlake,	65 00	Whiterock,	70 00
Elkton,	50 00	Willowlakes,	90 00
Garden City,	50 00	Wilmot,	65 00
Gary,	50 00	District,	300 00
Hazel,	80 00		
Henry,	50 00	Total,	\$1,664 00

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NAME.	BORN.		ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION.			Relation	ADDRESS.
	Where.	Vr.	Conference.	Yr.	Entered Conference....		
Akers, J. S.....	Illinois.....	1837	N. W. Wisconsin	1865	1889	Sup'y	
Allison, J. D.....	Scotland.....	1858	South Dakota....	1891	1891	Sup'y	White.
Baker, Frank.....	Illinois.....	1870	South Dakota....	1894	1892	Eff've	Arlington.
Beavis, R. B.....	Ontario.....	1861	British Columbia	1894	1896	Eff've	Alcester.
Bromaghim, F. L.....	New York.....	1858	South Dakota....	1895	1891	Eff've	Warner.
Brown, G. D.....	New York.....	1871	Dakota	1897	1897	Eff've	Wessington Sp'gs.
Brown, S. F.....	Pennsylvania..	1825	Wyoming.....	1866	C'	Sup't	Bangor.
Burdick, F. A.....	Ontario.....	1852	N. W. Iowa.....	1879	C'r	Sup't	Univ. Place, Neb.
Calfee, W. J.....	Iowa.....	1863	Nebraska.....	1896	1898	Eff've	Huron.
Carhart, A. E.....	New York.....	1846	South Dakota....	1892	1892	Eff've	Mitchell.
Chamberlain, D. W.....	.....	.....	N. W. Iowa.....	.....	C'r	Sup't	Scotland.
Chappell, E. S.....	Ohio.....	1854	South Dakota....	1892	1892	Eff've	Chicago, Ill.
Chappell, S. A.....	Iowa.....	1873	Dakota	1897	1897	Eff've	Plankinton.
Cleworth, W. C.....	Canada.....	.....	South Dakota....	1895	1892	Eff've	Chicago, Ill.
Coon, H. S.....	Ohio.....	1852	Dakota	1897	1897	Eff've	Mitchell.
Corwin, G. J.....	New York.....	1842	South Dakota... .	1886	1886	Eff've	Fulton.
Cory, W. H.....	Wisconsin.....	1850	South Dakota....	1891	1891	Eff've	Britton.
Curl, H. T.....	Indiana.....	1840	Des Moines.....	1867	C'r	Sup't	W. Oakland, Cal.
Dean, E. E.....	New York.....	1854	Dakota	1896	1896	Eff've	Devoe.
Deeble, W. D.....	England.....	1858	South Dakota....	1888	1888	Eff've	Bath.
Dexter, A. D.....	Nova Scotia....	1840	Maine	1868	1889	Eff've	Clark.
Dibble, J. B.....	Wisconsin.....	1860	South Dakota....	1890	1890	Eff've	White.
Dobson, J. O.*.....	England.....	1848	Upper Iowa.....	1883	1892	Eff've	Sioux Falls.
Du Val, J. C.....	Ohio.....	1854	West Nebraska..	1894	1899	Eff've	Gayville.
Emmott, Amos.....	England.....	1863	Dakota	1898	1898	Eff've	Dell Rapids.
Giffin, G. C.....	Ohio.....	1867	Dakota	1899	1899	Eff've	Alliance, Ohio.
Graham, W. I.....	Ohio.....	1844	Iowa.....	1878	1897	Eff've	Mitchell.
Gram, W. O.....	Canada.....	1862	South Dakota....	1893	1893	Sup'y	Bath.
Greene, W. A.....	New York.....	1853	Dakota	1897	1897	Sup'y	Little Rock, Ark.
Hager, C. E.*.....	New York.....	1852	Upper Iowa	1878	C'r	Eff've	Mitchell.
Hall, E. P.*.....	New York	1856	North Dakota....	.....	1896	Eff've	Aberdeen.
Hall, J. G.....	Pennsylvania..	1852	Ohio.....	1879	1886	Sup't	Silver City, N. Mex.
Harkness, J. S.....	Scotland.....	1867	Wesleyan.....	1894	1894	Eff've	Webster.
Hartsough, Lewis.....	New York.....	1828	Oneida	1853	C'r	Sup't	Mt. Vernon, Ia.
Hopkins, G. F.....	Illinois.....	1862	British Columbia	1888	1893	Eff've	Flandreau.
Houlgate, J. E.....	England.....	1865	Nebraska.....	1896	1898	Eff've	Pierre.
Ingersoll, P. S.....	Ohio	1859	Dakota	1899	1899	Eff've	Bangor.
Jamieson, A.....	Ontario.....	1837	N. W. Iowa.....	1872	1872	C'r	Hartford.
Janes, A. P.....	New York	1867	South Dakota....	1890	1890	Eff've	Tyndall.
Jenkins, J. P.*.....	Massachusetts	1860	South Dakota....	1887	1887	Eff've	Huron.
Johnson, N. P.....	Denmark	1864	W. Nor. Danish.	1894	1899	Sup'y	Tripp.
Jolly, A. J.....	England.....	1866	Bulgaria.....	1893	1894	Eff've	Madison, N. J.
Jordan, W. H.....	Massachusetts	1857	South Dakota....	1887	1887	Eff've	Sioux Falls.
Kaye, John.....	England.....	1860	Dakota	1897	1897	Eff've	Valley Springs.
Knight, H. F.....	Wisconsin.....	1850	Wisconsin.....	1883	1891	Eff've	Bradley.
Lane, L. L.....	Iowa.....	1865	Dakota	1899	1899	Eff've	Sisseton.
Lewtas, John.....	England	1870	South Dakota....	1893	1893	Eff've	Tacoma, Wash.
Logsdon, C. E.....	Iowa.....	1857	Upper Iowa	1899	1899	Eff've	Desmet.
MacDuffee, F. C.....	N. Hampshire..	1865	South Dakota....	1894	1894	Eff've	Spearfish, S. D.
Mason, A. S.....	California.....	1865	Rock River.....	1892	1899	Eff've	Brookings.
McLean, D. C.....	Ontario.....	1867	South Dakota....	1890	1890	Eff've	Vermillion.
McLean, Lachlin.....	Nova Scotia..	1847	Central Illinois..	1883	1895	Eff've	Yankton.
Meinzer, W. L.....	Illinois.....	1868	Dakota	1897	1897	Eff've	Redfield.
Minty, W. F.....	England	1844	Rock River.....	1877	C'r	Eff've	Woonsocket.
Nicholls, F. T.....	England	1858	South Dakota....	1889	1889	Eff've	Parker.
Nickerson, M. E.....	Illinois.....	1856	N. W. Iowa.....	1885	C'r	Eff've	Armour.
Norton, F. J.....	New York	Upper Iowa.....	1895	Eff've	Mt. Vernon.

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Norvell, J. E.....	Iowa.....	1859	N. W. Iowa	1885 C'r	Eff've	Miller.
Notson, G. T.....	Iowa.....	1865	Des Moines.....	1892 1894	Eff've	Centerville.
Potter, I. P.....	Iowa	1858	Dakota	1897 1897	Eff've	Bridgewater.
Phillips, O. A.....	Vermont	1840	United Brethren	1863 C'r	Eff've	Beresford.
Redburn, W. B.....	Illinois.....	1856	Missouri	1889 1897	Eff've	Faulkton.
Redfield, W. O.....	Pennsylvania ..	1854	South Dakota.....	1890 1890	Eff've	Watkonda.
Rifenbark, D.*.....	New York.....	1849	N. W. Iowa.....	1885 C'r	Eff've	Watertown.
Sanderson, Thomas..	Ontario.....	1864	Dakota	1896 1896	Eff've	Groton.
Shepherd, A. C.....	Minnesota	1872	Dakota	1898 1898	Eff've	Madison.
Shepherd, W. S.....	Minnesota	1869	Dakota	1898 1898	Eff've	Salem.
Simmons, Thomas....	Ohio.....	1849	Upper Iowa	1875 C'r	Eff've	Alexandria.
Smith, M. W.....	.....	.....	.....	..... 1899	Eff've	Winthrop.
Springer, H. M.....	Illinois.....	1842	W. Wisconsin	1864 C'r	Eff've	Hazel.
Stavely, R. M.....	England	1859	South Dakota.....	1894 1894	Sup'y	.....
Starkey, J. B.....	New York.....	1842	N. W. Iowa.....	1874 1898	Eff've	Minneapolis, Minn.
Stevens, A. C.....	Vermont.....	1870	South Dakota.....	1894 1894	Eff've	Watertown.
Stewart, W. B.....	Scotland.....	1864	South Dakota.....	1893 1893	Eff've	Sioux Falls.
Swickard, N. A.....	Ohio.....	1860	Kansas	1891 1898	Eff've	Aberdeen.
Tanner, A. E.....	New York	1838	Genesee	1863 1885	Eff've	Lennox.
Thurston, A. W.....	Illinois.....	1868	Dakota	1897 1897	Eff've	Iroquois.
Underwood, Wm.....	Ohio.....	1832	Rock River.....	1853 1887	Sup't	White Lake.
Walker, T. H.....	Ontario.....	1836	Can. Wesleyan...	1864 C'r	Sup't	Heber, Ark.
Washburn, S.....	New York	1830	Rock River.....	1863 1887	Sup't	Chicago, Ill.
Wilkinson, Thomas ..	England	1838	Prim. Methodist	1871 1891	Sup't	Mt. Vernon, Ia.
Watson, S. J.....	Connecticut	1864	Dakota	1897 1897	Eff've	Millbank.
Williams, O.....	Pennsylvania ..	1887	Des Moines.....	1860 1892	Eff've	Scotland.
Youngman, T. H	England	1837	Oneida.....	1867 1891	Eff've	Mitchell.

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Case, F. F.....	Maine.....	1874	Dakota	1899	1st year...	Clear Lake.
Cave, Wm. O.....	Ohio.....	1869	Dakota	1899	1st year...	Springfield.
Ehlers, Wm. C.....	Minnesota	1868	Dakota	1899	1st year...	White Rock.
Rigby, A. E.....	Iowa.....	1871	Upper Iowa.....	1899	1st year...	Elkpoint.
Saxton, E. E.....	Iowa	1865	Dakota	1899	1st year...	Onida.
Sevy, Isaac B.....	.....	.....	Dakota	1896	1st year...	Chicago, Ill.
Stamp, Thos. A.....	England	1876	Dakota	1899	1st year...	Egan.
Webster, G. E.....	Connecticut ..	1866	Dakota	1899	1st year...	Wilmot.
Fox, Frank	England	1866	Dakota	1898	2d year...	Mound City.
Hitch, H. F	Indiana.....	1867	Dakota	1896	2d year...	Lodi.
Watson, J. E.....	Ohio.....	1871	Dakota	1898	2d year...	Conde.
Walker, C. O.....	Iowa.....	1871	Dakota	1893	3d year...	Henry.

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4 Aberdeen, N. A. Swickard.	1 Doland, to be supplied.
1 Andover, to be supplied.	1 Frederick, L. A. McCulloch (sup.)
1 Ashton, to be supplied.	2 Groton, Thos. Sanderson.
2 Bangor, P. S. Ingersoll.	1 Hecla, L. C. Yeomans (sup.)
4 Bath, W. D. Deeble.	1 Langford, L. W. Putnam (sup.)
1 Bowdle, F. A. Gossman (sup.)	1 Leola, to be supplied.
2 Britton, W. H. Cory.	3 Mound City, Frank Fox.
1 Claremont, P. H. Weston (sup.)	1 Northville, L. V. Slocum (sup.)
2 Conde, Jos. E. Watson.	4 Warner, F. L. Bromaghim.
2 Devoe, Edward E. Dean.	

G. C. Giffin, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

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2 Alpena, R. H. Stokes (sup.)	1 Iroquois, A. W. Thurston.
1 Blunt, G. L. Granger (sup.)	1 Lebanon, to be supplied.
1 Burdette, N. J. Willitts (sup.)	2 Miller, J. E. Norvell.
1 Cavour, to be supplied.	1 Okobojo, F. J. Long (sup.)
1 Desmet, C. E. Logsdon.	1 Onida, E. E. Saxton.
1 Faulkton, W. B. Redburn.	2 Pierre, J. E. Houlgate.
1 Forest City, J. W. A. Collins (sup.)	1 Redfield, W. L. Meinzer.
1 Gettysburg, A. M. Ward (sup.)	1 Wessington, B. F. Stiles (sup.)
1 Highmore, J. J. Ramsey (sup.)	1 Wessington Springs, G. D. Brown.
2 Hitchcock, D. Barker (sup.)	1 Winthrop, M. W. Smith.
2 Huron, W. J. Calfee.	2 Wolsey, C. B. Warren (sup.)

E. S. Chappell, Agent Children's Home Society, Chicago, Ill.; Isaac B. Sevy, left without appointment to attend one of our schools—members of Huron Quarterly Conference.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

2 C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder, Post-office, Mitchell, South Dakota.	
1 Alexandria, Thomas Simmons.	1 Letcher, R. N. Kratz (sup.)
2 Armour, M. E. Nickerson.	1 March & Castalia, to be supplied.
1 Artesian, Henry A. Dalrymple (Sup.)	1 Mitchell, T. H. Youngman.
1 Bridgewater & Canastota, I. P. Potter.	1 Mt. Vernon, F. J. Norton.
1 Cartiage & Roswell, Wm. Slo- cum (sup.)	1 Parkston, R. B. Smith (sup.).
1 Chamberlain, to be supplied.	1 Plankinton, S. Arthur Chappell.
2 Edgerton, T. J. Davis (sup.)	2 Salem, W. S. Shepherd.
1 Ethan, J. W. Peterson (sup.)	1 Scotland, Oliver Williams.
3 Fulton G. J. Corwin.	2 Springfield, W. A. Cave.
1 Gann Valley, to be supplied.	1 Tripp, N. P. Johnson.
1 Howard, H. S. Coon.	4 Tyndall, A. P. Janes.
1 Kimball, J. N. Fulford (sup.)	2 Whitelake, J. C. Baker.
1 La Roche, Frank Brokaw (sup.)	2 Woonsocket, W. F. Minty.

W. I. Graham, President of Dakota University; A. E. Carhart, Superintendent of Anti-saloon League.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

5 J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder, Post-office, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.	
2 Alcester, R. B. Beavis.	1 Gayville, J. Clark DuVal.
2 Beresford, O. A. Phillips.	1 Harrisburg, H. I. Farr (sup.)
4 Canton, C. E. Matteson.	2 Hartford, Archibald Jamieson.
1 Centerville, G. T. Notson.	2 Hudson, H. P. Eberhart (sup.)
2 Colman, S. H. Shurtliff (sup.)	3 Hurley, L. W. Darling (sup.)
1 Dell Rapids, Amos Emmott.	3 Lennox, A. E. Tanner.
1 Egan, Thos. A. Stamp.	1 Lodi, H. F. Hitch.
1 Elkpoint, A. E. Rigby.	3 Madison, A. C. Shepherd.
4 Flandreau, G. F. Hopkins.	1 Montrose, Frank A. Arms (sup.)
3 Flandreau Circuit, D. C. Arms (Sup.)	1 Valley Springs, John Kaye.
SIOUX FALLS :	1 Vermillion, D. C. McLean.
5 First Church, W. H. Jordan. J. B. Starkey, Associate.	4 Wakonda, W. O. Redfield.
3 Jordan Church, W. B. Stewart.	2 Yankton, Lachlin McLean.

John Lewtas and W. C. Cleworth, left without appointments to attend school.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

2 DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder, Post-office, Watertown, South Dakota.
1 Aurora, to be supplied.
1 Arlington, Frank Baker.
1 Bigstone City, A. L. Fisher (sup.)
2 Bradley, H. F. Knight.
1 Bristol, to be supplied.
1 Brookings, A. S. Mason.
1 Brookings Circuit, S. M. Davis (Sup.)
1 Castlewood & Bruce, to be supplied.
4 Clark, A. D. Dexter.
1 Clearlake, F. F. Case.
1 Elkton, J. F. Bradley (sup.)
1 Garden City, Geo. F. Bieber (sup.)
1 Gary, to be supplied.
2 Hazel, H. M. Springer.
2 Henry, Chas. O. Walker.
2 Kampska, P. G. Shepersky (sup.)
1 Lake Preston, Wm. Barry (sup.)
1 Millbank, S. J. Watson.
2 Sisseton, L. L. Lane.
2 Summit & Waubay, E.S. Bosselly (sup.)
1 Twinbrooks, to be supplied.
1 Watertown, A. C. Stevens.
2 Webster, J. S. Harkness.
1 White, J. B. Dibble.
2 White Rock, W. C. Ehlers.
1 Willowlakes, C.R. Anderson (sup.)
1 Wilmot & Corona, Geo. E. Webster.

Journal.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, October 12, 1899.

Opening.—The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Dakota Conference met in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Huron, S. D., at 9 o'clock A. M.

Dr. W. H. Jordan, by appointment of Bishop Hurst, who was detained by the session of the Rock River Conference, occupied the chair.

After singing Hymn No. 798, Dr. Jordan read a lesson from 1 Peter, first chapter, and, assisted by the Presiding Elders and H. M. Springer, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Roll-Call.—The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and the following responded: Akers, Baker, Beavis, G. D. Brown, Calfee, Corwin, Cory, Dean, Deeble, Dibble, Dobson, Emmott, Graham, Hager, Hall, Harkness, Hopkins, Houlgate, Jamieson, Janes, Jenkins, Jordan, Kaye, MacDuffee, L. McLean, D. C. McLean, Matteson, Meinzer, Minty, Nicholls, Nickerson, Norton, Norvell, Notson, Phillips, Redburn, Redfield, Rifenbark, Sanderson, W. S. Shepherd, A. C. Shepherd, Simmons, Springer, Stevens, Stewart, Swickard, Tanner, Thurston, S. J. Watson, Williams, Youngman.—(51.)

Also the following probationers: Fox, J. E. Watson, S. A. Chappell, Lane, Walker.

Organization.—J. P. Jenkins was re-elected Secretary; G. T. Notson and W. S. Shepherd were re-elected assistants.

J. S. Harkness was elected Treasurer, and named A. C. Shepherd and W. B. Redburn as assistants.

A. P. Janes was elected Statistical Secretary, and nominated the following assistants: W. D. Deeble, S. A. Chappell, W. H. Cory, C. E. Matteson, S. J. Watson.

Sessions.—The business sessions of the Conference were fixed at from 9 to 12 A. M., to be preceded by an hour's Pentecostal service, to be conducted by Dr. R. N. McKaig.

Bar.—The Conference bar was fixed to include the six rows of seats from the front.

Postmaster.—Frank Baker was re-elected Postmaster.

Standing Committees.—The list of Standing Committees was called and revised.

Memoirs.—N. A. Swickard, J. S. Akers, A. P. Janes, L. McLean, and E. P. Hall were elected a Committee on Memoirs.

Presidential Reception.—A Special Committee to participate in the reception of President McKinley, consisting of the Bishop, Presiding Elders, W. H. Jordan, W. J. Calfee, and Lachlin McLean, was appointed.

By-Laws.—A Committee of Three to draft By-laws governing the organization of the Conference was elected: H. M. Springer, T. H. Youngman, A. Jamieson.

State of the Nation.—W. J. Calfee, Lachlin McLean, A. Jamieson, O. A. Phillips, J. O. Dobson were appointed a Committee on the State of the Nation.

Twentieth Century.—On motion of J. O. Dobson, the following were elected a Committee on Twentieth-century Campaign: T. H. Youngman, W. B. Redburn, N. A. Swickard, W. I. Graham, G. T. Notson.

Visitors Introduced.—Dr. J. M. King, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Mrs. Kate M. Cooper, Financial Agent of Asbury Methodist Hospital and Rebecca Deaconess Home, of Minneapolis, Minn., was introduced.

Memoir.—The death of Anthony Willford, local elder in charge at Lake Preston, was announced by T. H. Youngman, and, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

Order of the Day.—On motion, the election of delegates to General Conference was made the order of the Day for Friday, at 10 A. M.

Conference Relations.—Voted, that all candidates for admission on trial, by credentials, and on certificate of location, and also those to be received into full connection, and all supernumeraries and superannuates, be required to appear before the Committee on Conference Relations.

Statistical Session.—It was voted that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2 P. M., for a statistical session.

Visitors.—Dr. A. B. Leonard, Senior Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, and Dr. H. C. Jennings, Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, were introduced, and each addressed the Conference.

Time Extended.—On motion, the time was extended.

Dividends.—Dividends from the Book Concern of \$420, and from the Chartered Fund of \$22, were announced, and drafts ordered for the same.

Introduction.—Dr. R. N. McKaig, Presiding Elder of St. Cloud District, Northern Minnesota Conference, was introduced.

After calling the Committees and singing the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Leonard.

STATISTICAL SESSION—2 P. M.

DR. JORDAN called the Conference to order, and, after singing "Blest be the tie that binds," T. H. Youngman offered prayer.

Statistics.—The statistics and financial reports were collected.

Visitor.—Dr. W. H. Iliff, Dean of Asbury Methodist Hospital, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, October 13, 1899.

Opening.—At 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop John F. Hurst, D. D., LL. D., took the chair.

Absentees.—The roll of absentees was called, and the following full members responded: Carhart, Coon, Potter; also, Geo. C. Giffin, probationer.

Journal.—Yesterday's journal was read, and approved.

Transfers.—G. D. Cleworth was announced by the Bishop as transferred to the Rock River Conference, and W. H. Irwin and B. C. Sills to the Minnesota Conference; also, H. P. McBride to the Oklahoma Conference, and G. H. Parker to the Oregon Conference.

Question Fifteen.—The fifteenth question was called, and the deaths of O. H. Sproul and A. R. Boggs were announced.

Question Seven.—Question seven was called, and George C. Giffin, S. Arthur Chappell, Louis L. Lane, and Chas. O. Walker were passed in character, and reported their collections. After being called forward by the Bishop to answer the Disciplinary questions, they were represented by their Examiners, the Committee on Conference Relations, and their Presiding Elders.

Geo. C. Giffin, being a local deacon, was admitted to full membership.

S. Arthur Chappell and Louis L. Lane were admitted to full membership, and elected to deacons' orders.

Chas. O. Walker was continued in the Class of the Third Year.

Arthur McFarlane was discontinued.

Question One.—J. Clark DuVal was announced as transferred from the Black Hills Conference; Chas. E. Logsdon, and Archie E. Rigby, a probationer of the first year, from the Upper Iowa Conference.

Chas. E. Logsdon, a local elder, is in the Class of the Third Year.

The transfer by Bishop McCabe, of N. P. Johnson, a supernumerary member of the Western Norwegian and Danish Conference, was announced. W. H. Jordan, raised the question of the legality of this transfer, and protested against it.

Order of Day.—The Order of the Day was taken up, and the Conference proceeded to elect General Conference delegates.

F. T. Nicholls, W. H. Cory, W. F. Minty, H. S. Coon, and T. H. Youngman were appointed Tellers.

The result of the first ballot was announced, and W. H. Jordan having received 41 votes, was declared elected.

The second ballot was taken for the remaining delegate, with no election.

As a result of the third ballot, T. H. Youngman received 38 votes, and was declared elected.

Upon the first ballot for reserve delegates, C. E. Hager and J. O. Dobson were elected, receiving 31 and 28 votes respectively.

Visitors.—Miss Willma H. Rouse, Missionary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society from Foochow, China; Rev. D. W. Dickinson, of St. Paul, Minn., representing the American Bible Society; Miss Minnie Calfee, Deaconess; Rev. N. J. Aplin, of the Wisconsin Conference; and the Rev. Dr. Beal, of the New England Conference, were introduced.

Dr. H. C. Jennings and Dr. A. B. Leonard, each briefly addressed the Conference.

Fraternal Greetings.—The Secretary was instructed to send Fraternal Greetings to the Presbyterian Synod in session at Aberdeen, S. D.

Presiding Elders' Reports.—On account of the death of O. H. Sproul, the report of the Aberdeen District was not called. Huron District was called, and Thomas Simmons read his report. C. E. Hager reported the Mitchell District, and J. O. Dobson the Sioux Falls District.

Time Extended.—On motion, the time was extended.

Presentation.—J. S. Akers on behalf of the preachers of Huron District presented the retiring Presiding Elder with a gold watch. Brother Simmons made a brief appreciative reply.

Methodist Review.—Geo. C. Giffin was appointed Committee on the *Methodist Review*.

Closing.—Various papers were handed to the Committees, Committee meetings called, Statistical Secretary and Treasurer called lists of delinquents, and the Conference adjourned by singing the doxology, and benediction pronounced by Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, October 14, 1899.

Opening.—At 9 A. M. Bishop Hurst took the chair. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Question Thirteen.—Question Thirteen was called, and the following effective elders were passed in character: Swickard, Deeble, Cory, Bromaghim, Akers, Calfee, Norvell, Redburn, Norton, Houlgate, Nicker-son, Stewart, Corwin, Stevens, MacDuffee, Janes, Minty, Beavis, Phillips, Matteson, D. C. McLean, Notson, Hopkins, Tanner, Nicholls, Jordan, Jamieson, Jenkins, Redfield, L. McLean, Dibble, Youngman, Springer, Williamis, E. P. Hall, Harkness, Baker, E. S. Chappell, Jolly, Graham, Carhart, Dexter, J. G. Hall, and Starkey. Excepting the last eight, these reported their collections.

J. G. Hall.—On motion, J. G. Hall was granted a superannuated relation at his own request.

Question Twenty-Two.—J. D. Allison was continued in the super-numerary relation, and requested to locate. W. A. Greene was continued a supernumerary. R. M. Stavely was continued a supernumerary, and his Presiding Elder requested to correspond with him, with a view of securing his location.

Question Twenty-Three.—“Who are the Superannuated Preachers?” Lewis Hartsough, D. W. Chamberlain, H. T. Curl, T. H. Walker, Sanford Washburn, S. F. Brown, Thos. Wilkinson, F. A. Burdick, and Wm. Underwood were passed in character and continued in this relation.

Invitation.—First Church, Sioux Falls, was chosen as the seat of next Conference.

Question Five.—Question five was called, and Frank Fox and Joseph E. Watson were passed in character, reported their collections, were represented by their Presiding Elder and by the Examiners, and advanced to the Studies of the Second Year.

Isaac B. Sevy was continued in the Class of the First Year, and left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Peter A. Jordan was discontinued at his own request.

Question Nine.—“What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?” Arthur C. Shepherd, Wm. S. Shepherd, Amos Emmott, Gilbert D. Brown, Edmund E. Dean, passed in character, reported their collections, were represented by their Presiding Elders and Examiners, and advanced to the Class of the Fourth Year.

Henry F. Knight passed in character, and was continued in the Third Year.

R. M. Stavely, Wm. A. Greene, and W. C. Cleworth were passed in

character, and continued in the Class of the Third Year, the last named to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Isaac P. Potter passed in character, reported his collections, was represented by his Presiding Elder and Examiners, and credited with Studies in the Third and Fourth Years, and elected to elder's orders.

Lay Delegates.—A Committee from the Lay Electoral Conference was received, and a joint session was arranged for 5 P. M. to-day.

Question Ten.—Albert W. Thurston, Wm. L. Meinzer, John Kaye, and S. J. Watson were passed in character, reported, were represented by their Examiners and Presiding Elders, and credited with the Studies of the Fourth Year. The first three were elected to elders' orders, S. J. Watson having been previously ordained elder.

Hiram S. Coon passed in character, reported, and was continued in the Studies of the Third Year, and left without appointment to attend school.

Wm. H. Colvin was located at his own request.

Wm. O. Gram was passed in character, and granted the supernumerary relation.

Thos. Sanderson passed in character, reported his collections, and was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year.

Questions Eleven and Twelve.—Questions Eleven and Twelve were called, and upon recommendation of the Frederick Quarterly Conference, L. A. McCulloch was elected to local deacon's orders.

Fourth Question.—Edgar E. Saxton, Wm. A. Cave, Andrew J. Lidstone, Wm. C. Ehlers, Frederick F. Case, Geo. E. Webster, and Thos. A. Stamp, having been regularly recommended by their Quarterly Conferences, and represented by their Presiding Elders, the Examiners, and the Conference Relation Committee, were admitted on trial.

Perry S. Ingersoll was admitted on trial, and, being a deacon, on motion of N. A. Swickard, he was advanced to the Studies of the Third Year, and admitted into full connection.

Addresses.—Mrs. Kate M. Cooper represented the interests of Asbury Methodist Hospital and Rebecca Deaconess Home.

The Rev. D. W. Dickinson spoke in the interests of the American Bible Society.

Greeting.—On motion of W. H. Jordan, a Committee of five, consisting of the Bishop and Presiding Elders, was appointed to greet the returning soldiers of the First South Dakota Regiment.

Superannuates.—The following resolution was offered by J. O. Dobson:

Resolved, That we appoint a Committee, consisting of Brothers Jordan, Youngman, and Hager, who shall report to this Conference the best plan for increasing the collections for superannuate preachers, and who shall

also present a plan for the endowment of a Home for our superannuates and those dependent upon them, including their widows and orphans.

Adjournment.—It was voted that, when we adjourn, it be to meet at 4 P. M. After singing the doxology, the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

AT 4 P. M. the Bishop took the chair, and the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Transfer.—The transfer of A. S. Mason from the Rock River Conference was announced by the Bishop.

Reports.—The following Committees reported, and the reports were adopted:

Church Extension.	(See Report A.)
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education.	(See Report B.)
Sunday-school and Tracts.	(See Report C.)
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	(See Report D.)
Woman's Home Missionary Society.	(See Report E.)
Temperance.	(See Report F.)

Laymen.—The Lay Electoral Conference was received in a body, and R. N. Kratz, the presiding officer, was introduced and reported the election as follows:

Homer S. Mouser, Huron.
Silas E. Morris, Redfield.

RESERVES:

Horace G. Tilton, Vermillion.
Reuben N. Kratz, Mitchell.

W. H. Jordan introduced the delegates to the Conference, and the Bishop made an address.

Century Committee.—President Graham read the report of the Century Committee, which was adopted. (See Report G.)

Tobacco.—The action of the Lay Conference concerning the use of tobacco, on motion of W. H. Jordan, was indorsed.

Minutes.—G. T. Notson was made publisher of the Minutes.

R. B. Beavis, W. S. Shepherd, and A. E. Carhart were appointed a Publishing Committee.

Adjournment.—It was voted that, when we adjourn, it be to meet on Monday at 8 P. M., and to finally adjourn at 10.30 if possible.

After announcements and doxology, the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, October 14, 1899.

Opening.—At 7.30 A. M., Bishop Hurst took the chair, and called for the reading of the Minutes of the last session.

Reports.—The following reports of Committees were heard, and adopted :

Sabbath Observance.	(See Report H.)
State of the Church.	(See Report I.)
Church Literature.	(See Report J.)
American Bible Society.	(See Report K.)
Asbury Hospital.	(See Report L.)
Visitor to Garrett Biblical Institute.	(See Report M.)
State of the Nation.	(See Report N.)
Conference Claimants.	(See Report O.)
Auditing Treasurer's Accounts.	(See Report P.)
Resolutions.	(See Report Q.)
Education.	(See Report R.)

The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer made their reports. (See Tables.)

Incorporation.—The Articles of Incorporation were read by W. B. Redburn.

By-Laws.—H. M. Springer read the report of the Committee on By-laws, which was adopted. (See By-laws.)

Missionary Appropriations.—The Missionary Appropriations for the ensuing year were read.

Nominations.—The Presiding Elders' nominations were read, and adopted. (See Special Appointments.)

Claimants' Fund.—Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to distribute the Conference claimant appropriations.

Memorial.—The following was offered by J. O. Dobson, and adopted : The Dakota Conference respectfully memorializes the General Conference, asking that a formal, impressive, and solemn ceremony of consecration be adopted for the induction into office of the Stewards of our Church.

Greetings.—Fraternal greetings from the Presbyterian Synod were read by the Secretary.

Resolutions.—D. C. McLean offered the following resolution, which carried:

Resolved, That this Conference approves the action of Dr. W. H. Jordan as a member of the Board of Control of the Epworth League.

Thomas Simmons offered the following, which was also adopted:

WHEREAS, The use of tobacco is not in keeping with our Methodism, or the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, Ministers slip into the Conference who use it, and sometimes into the Presiding Eldership, and give a very bad example to our young men; therefore, be it

Resolved, That no minister shall be eligible to the Presiding Eldership who uses tobacco in any form.

Respecting Dr. McKaig the following passed:

WHEREAS, Dr. McKaig by his clear exposition of God's Word has been by the aid of the Holy Spirit, a great inspiration and blessing to the members of this Conference; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we return thanks to God for such leadership into the understanding of the experience of the Holy Ghost; and

Resolved, That we will, as far as in us lies, seek to lead our people into the same blessed experience; and

Resolved, That we will welcome Dr. McKaig to any future session of our Conference.

J. S. AKERS,
A. JAMIESON,
DONALD MCLEAN.

Minutes.—Subscriptions were taken for the Minutes.

Conference Relations.—On motion, the Presiding Elder of Huron District was instructed to correspond with E. S. Chappell, requesting that he return to take work within the Conference, or locate.

N. P. Johnson was continued in the supernumerary relation.

Frank A. Gossman was recognized as a local deacon from the Evangelical Church.

F. C. MacDuffee and J. S. Akers were granted the supernumerary relation, at their own request.

Transfers.—M. W. Smith was received by transfer from Arkansas Conference. Andrew J. Lidstone was transferred to the Northern Minnesota Conference.

Century Commission.—W. I. Graham nominated the Century Commission, and addressed the Conference on the Century Movement, and the relation of the Conference to *The Visitor*. (See Commission.)

Addresses.—A. E. Carhart addressed the Conference in the interests of the Anti-saloon League.

Bishop Hurst, by invitation, spoke concerning the American University.

Adjournment.—It was voted that, after reading the Appointments, the Conference stand adjourned.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

After prayer by the Bishop, the list of Appointments for 1899-1900 were read, the doxology sung, and benediction pronounced, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN F. HURST,
PRESIDENT.

J. P. JENKINS,
SECRETARY.

Certificate of Ordination.

This Certifies, That in the City of Huron, South Dakota, on October 15, 1899, I ordained S. Arthur Chappell, Louis L. Lane, L. A. McCulloch, DEACONS; and by the aid of Elders present, Albert W. Thurston, Wm. L. Meinzer, John Kaye, Isaac P. Potter, ELDERS, in the Church of God.

JOHN F. HURST,
Presiding Bishop.

HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA, October 16, 1899.

Disciplinary Questions.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*
J. Clark DuVal, from Black Hills Conference; Charles E. Logsdon and Archie E. Rigby, from Upper Iowa Conference; N. P. Johnson, from Western Norwegian and Danish Conference; A. S. Mason, from Rock River Conference; M. W. Smith, from Arkansas Conference.
2. *Who have been Readmitted?*
None.
3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
None.
4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*
(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—Archie E. Rigby, Wm. A. Cave, Frederick F. Case, George E. Webster, Thomas A. Stamp, Edgar E. Saxton, Wm. C. Ehlers.
(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.
5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*
(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—Isaac B. Sevy.
(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—Frank Fox, Joseph E. Watson, Harvey F. Hitch.
(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—Charles O. Walker.
(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—None.
6. *Who have been Discontinued?*
Arthur McFarlane, Peter A. Jordan.
7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*
(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—S. Arthur Chappell, Louis L. Lane.
(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—George C. Giffin, Perry S. Ingersoll.
8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*
(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—Charles E. Logsdon, S. Arthur Chappell, Louis L. Lane, Geo. C. Giffin, Perry S. Ingersoll.
(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—Henry F. Knight, R. M. Stavely, W. C. Cleworth, Wm. A. Greene, Hiram S. Coon.
9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*
Arthur C. Shepherd, Wm. S. Shepherd, Amos Emmott, Gilbert D. Brown, Edmund E. Dean, Thomas Sanderson.
10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*
(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—Albert W. Thurston, Wm. L. Meinzer, John Kaye, Isaac P. Potter.
(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—Samuel J. Watson.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

- (a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—L. A. McCulloch.
- (b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

- (a) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—None.
- (b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

This was done, as the name of each preacher was called, in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

G. D. Cleworth, to Rock River Conference; W. H. Irwin and B. C. Sills, to Minnesota Conference; G. H. Parker, to Oregon Conference; H. P. McBride, to Oklahoma Conference; Thomas E. Greene, to North Dakota Conference; Andrew J. Lidstone, to Northern Minnesota Conference

15. *Who have Died?*

O. H. Sproul, A. R. Boggs.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

Wm. H. Colvin.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

Frank A. Gossman was recognized as a local deacon from the Evangelical Church.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

J. D. Allison, W. A. Greene, R. M. Stavely, Wm. O. Gram, N. P. Johnson, F. C. MacDuffee, J. S. Akers.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Lewis Hartsough, D. W. Chamberlain, H. T. Curl, T. H. Walker, Sanford Washburn, S. F. Brown, Thomas Wilkinson, F. A. Burdick, Wm. Underwood, J. G. Hall.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

A. Jamieson, T. H. Youngman, A. C. Stevens, J. E. Houlgate, W. D. Deeble.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

(See Statistical Tables.)

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$11,865.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

Estimates of claims not reported.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$1,355. Applied, by order of Conference, to Conference claimants.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

(See List of Appointments.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

First Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

HURON DISTRICT.

THOMAS SIMMONS, Presiding Elder.

These have been six years of enlarged opportunity and freighted responsibility. May I hope they have been my very best years! When I assumed the district, the drouth was at its worst.

When ministers of other denominations fled for better pasture, our pastors stuck to their short grazing, and rustled the harder. While a sister denomination had nineteen empty pulpits huddled under the care of one pastor-at-large, we had eighteen charges, with sixty preaching-places, and a pastor in every pulpit.

Methodist preachers are not hirelings; for they do not flee when the wolf of hard times cometh.

These burning suns and blighting winds have been fiery ordeals. But we have gone through them. Nor have we, in all these years, lost a church or a foot of ground to our beloved Methodism. Nor can we forget the whetted knife, several times, at Conference, to carve us for hungry lords.

What think you: May we not be the "survival of the fittest?" Nor is this all. We are expected to give away our good and sprightly young men; for, as soon as marked ability is seen, advanced salaries are offered—not only for similar towns, but augmented by the missionary money—so that inducement of good crops, good salaries, good missionary money, captivates and carries away some of our good young men. Now, in my opinion, missionary money is given and intended for needy charges, where misfortune strikes and hard times pinch, where both wheat and corn are so parched up that neither will yield one bushel to the acre.

It was at our Epworth League Assembly that Dr. Bronson remarked, "It is so dry around Huron that even the grasshoppers are brown."

A brother Presiding Elder of our richest district said quickly to me, "You remember that when we get to Conference." I promptly retorted, "And you remember it when the missionary money is divided."

I think the cry of poverty is just as plaintive while distributing money, as when reaching up for good men.

Now, in all kindness, we think more missionary money should

be given to the charges where much of the wheat and corn had not even paid the harvesting, and that it should be taken from the territory like Southeastern Dakota, where corn yields, this year, from forty to fifty bushels per acre. Iowa reported good crops always. Bless God for it! No envy in this heart. But if brotherly love will set the tune of mercy to the hymn of missionary money, then brethren who have not been able to harvest their bread and seed will sing as sweetly as those whose corncribs are swelling and crying, like Dakota University, "We must have more room."

MORTUARY.—Sickness for some weeks disabled Brothers Barker and Stokes. Death entered but one parsonage, and the very estimable wife of Brother Houlgate was not. The health of the ministry has been simply marvelous. Not a minister has fallen; but one minister's wife, and only two ministers' children, in the full six years.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.—Fifty-two in number, are doing well. Several new ones have been organized, and several have left the wild grasses of Unionism, and are now thriving on Methodist clover.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUES, thirty-two in number, including an Endeavor Chapter, are mostly exerting favorable influence upon the Churches, and give most valuable aid, spiritually, socially, and financially.

Our two Subdistrict Conventions were excellent. We thought best not to hold a District Convention, but to bend every energy of the district toward the Assembly. The results were simply marvelous.

Peerless Pierre responded with threescore and ten, and one to carry, coming overland one hundred and fifty miles, making the round-trip of three hundred miles.

Gettysburg, fourteen strong, took in the treat, and swung the circle of two hundred and fifty miles. In short, Huron District and Dakota University well-nigh made the crowd; and such a gathering as was that first Epworth League Assembly! It would have done honor to older Conferences, with its average attendance of sixteen hundred, reaching, on Sabbath, to three thousand.

Much of this high success is due to Brother Calfee, who assumed pretty much the whole matter. Such an array of noted talent, including three of our Bishops, would not have been procured by any other man in the Conference. It was the greatest educational, moral, and religious gathering in the history of our new State.

REVIVALS.—By working alone, or the exchange of ministers, the pastors generally held their revivals. The most noteworthy were Redfield, Wessington, Miller, Huron, Gettysburg, Pierre, and Wolsey. All other charges had revivals, with more or less conversions, save one, whose pastor was afflicted with rheumatism. At Miller, Huron, and Pierre, sanctification was taught; and many entered the promised rest.

There were about five hundred conversions on the district.

CHURCH BUILDING.—Onida has completed and paid for the church she has been years in building. Shiloh and Okobojo each purchased a building for a church, and Lebanon built a new church; but as the Church Extension aid was exhausted, these could not be completed.

Pierre, Wessington, Orient, and Desmet have paid Church Extension debt; and Iroquois canceled two hundred dollars parsonage debt. Pierre and Hitchcock have made church improvements. Miller, Burdette, Onida, and Okobojo have purchased parsonages.

BENEVOLENCES have been carefully looked after. Where distributed through the year, they have fared the best. The crop-failure on half our charges has caused a great shrinkage. I fear, besides, two pastors went to the coast, and greatly neglected their benevolences. The efforts have been greater than last year, and yet results will fall below.

PERSONAL.—The six years have been years of difficulty and hard work, but of spiritual profit to myself. My constant aim has been to help and strengthen every pastor in his work and with his people, and to encourage and to inspire every Church to larger accomplishments. Believing that a Church without conversions is in decay, our standard has been, Conversion for the sinner, holiness for the believer, and a sanctified service to the Master.

An average of five hundred conversions a year has kept up our ranks, depleted by such extensive removals. It has kept open all the channels of benevolence, so that we have stood near the side of the best in giving. Salaries have increased, Church debts canceled, churches and parsonage built. The Churches have been considerate and generous, the ministers kind and forbearing, and God ever present to help.

It has been the glory of my life to be associated with such a band of noble, consecrated men and women, as constitute the ministerial force of Huron District.

The most precious memories of a quarter of a century cluster around the people and the associations of Huron District.

“Finally, brethren, farewell! Be perfect; be of good comfort; be of one mind; live in peace, and the God of Peace shall be with you.”

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder.

Mitchell District had, for the year just closing, these definite objects in view: Introduction of the tithing system; clearing mortgages from church and parsonage property; improvement of property and erecting new buildings where there was need; raising benevolent claims

in full; securing improved methods in our official boards; bringing our Churches up to the level of common honesty in settling pastors' claims, and genuine conversions on all our charges.

On all these lines we have been fairly successful. The tithe system, generally adopted, will solve the vexed financial problems throughout Methodism.

The mortgages on our property at White Lake and Mitchell have been canceled, and other charges can report their debts materially reduced.

Under the third head, we have come into possession of two new churches and two parsonages. One of these churches will be found at Fulton, worth about five hundred dollars, and the other at Bard, worth eighteen hundred dollars. The parsonages are located at Tripp and Armour, the first costing five hundred dollars, and the second valued at eight hundred and fifty dollars.

Reports from pastors will show that we have not fallen far short of meeting our apportionments on benevolences. Our total collections will show an increase, over last year, of at least six hundred dollars.

We have been pained and embarrassed over neglect of business pertaining to different departments of our Church work, and especially on financial lines. The pastors are now introducing approved methods, and insisting that the officers of the Church shall not be neglectful of its interests. Official boards are being organized, and faithful attendance on all meetings is insisted upon. Methodism does not lack for capable men and women. The trouble is, their splendid talents seem not to be at the disposal of the Master. No business firm in the world could succeed with such slackness and inattention as is shown by many of the Boards in our local Churches. Let office mean devotion of time and the employment of all our best talents, then see what God will do through our Church.

The pastors of Mitchell District will report many conversions and accessions to the Church. On several charges there have been extensive revivals. As a result, our Churches have taken on new life; and an appreciable increase in membership will appear.

As to deficiencies in pastors' salaries. This should be the rarest thing in Methodism. We believe that a Church which fails to pay its ministers for less reason than one can legally or equitably use for not paying the merchant or banker, is dishonest, and can not hope for the blessing of God. We say this kindly, but emphatically. Could we have our way, no Church would be sent a new pastor till the old was fully paid or abundantly secured, except, of course, in cases of unquestioned inability to meet its obligations.

Mitchell District has within its borders the one institution of which we are all justly proud,—Dakota University. Its success last year was

phenomenal; and this year promises to be greater every way. We have a better President this year than ever. Our Faculty is stronger, students more numerous and more advanced, and friends of the school are multiplying at a gratifying rate. The thoroughness of the work done here is recognized in every part of the State; and the Christian influences are so marked that there is a state of almost constant revival. We must build, as our rooms are already filled to their utmost capacity.

We are not all here. One who was our leader, a trusted friend and brother, also has moved to his heavenly residence, leaving testimony that inspires those of us who remain. Brother A. R. Boggs will be held in everlasting remembrance because he was pre-eminently a righteous man. We shall say more that is in our hearts, when the memorial service is held. His devoted wife, who cared for him through months of weakness and suffering, and felt so weary and lonely when she could see his face no more, has gone to be with him. She was buried the very day that our beloved Brother Sproul was laid to rest.

We must not fail to mention the translation of Rev. A. J. Jolley's mother—a beautiful, saintly woman—and Brother and Sister Jolley's youngest child. The severe illness of Brother Jolley, which took him to the middle of the bridge which crosses the stream of death, caused him to surrender his charge and seek change and rest. With this exception, all the brethren remained at their posts. Of each I can say with all heartiness, "Well done."

Our long-time superintendent of the National Anti-saloon League in this State, A. E. Carhart, reports the work of his organization more hopeful than ever. We lift our hats to this tireless worker.

Our Epworth League work is more hopeful than for many months, having received a new impetus from the Students' Missionary Campaign, conducted by four consecrated young men; also, from the State Epworth League Assembly.

The Junior League is taking new prominence in our district.

Our Sunday-schools, we are pleased to say, have made substantial gains. We have urged that every school be organized into a missionary society, and that the total abstinence pledge be circulated at least once a quarter in the classes.

Brethren, all the territory in sight, and all beyond the reach of our vision, belongs to our loving Lord; and in his name we are moving forward to take it. We were never more hopeful than now. With Bishop Thoburn, we believe that a revival, surpassing any the world has ever seen, will begin with the closing months of this old century, and sweep on into the new.

"O import, deep as life is, deep as time!
There is a something, sacred and sublime,
Moving behind the worlds beyond our ken,
Weighing the stars, weighing the deeds of men.

Take heart, O soul of sorrow, and be strong!
There is One, greater than the whole world's wrong.
Be hushed before the high, benignant Power
That moves, wool-shod, through sepulcher and tower.

No truth so low but he will give it crown;
No wrong so high but he will hurl it down.
O men that forge the fetters, it is vain,
There is a still hand stronger than your chain!"

This is our faith, and we would carry it with us into the twentieth century.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder.

Brethren and Fellow-Laborers in the Kingdom and Patience of Jesus Christ,—It is with feelings of profound reverence and thankfulness to Almighty God that I stand in your presence and give an account of another year's work in his vineyard and in our beloved Church. I am glad to meet with you once again, and to salute you in the name of the Lord, and to say that, like Caleb and Joshua, we bring no evil report of a good and gracious year.

The Lord has helped us all the way. Every charge has some success to report. The gospel has been faithfully preached by faithful men of God. Souls have been saved; property has been improved; old debts have been paid; new and better business methods have been introduced here and there; and the preachers, with the presiding elder, have been growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be glory in the Church throughout all ages, world without end! Amen!

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder.

To the Members of the Dakota Conference:—To the man who enters, for the first time, upon the work of the Presiding Elder, there will naturally arise many misgivings as to the outcome of his work. I was no exception to this rule.

I found, however, that every man on the district was ready to encourage and assist in every way possible, to make the path of the "green elder" as smooth as possible, and make a success.

There are twenty-six charges on the district, and every charge under the care of a pastor. Brother H. P. McBride was the only one who did not stay until the close of the year. About six weeks before the meeting of Conference, he asked permission to go to Oklahoma, which was granted.

REVIVALS.—Revivals were held on many of the charges during the winter season. There were a few meetings held during the warm months. The results of these meetings were not all that could be desired in every case, yet many souls entered upon the way of life.

I am not able to give statistics in every case, but will mention Elkton, S. M. Davis, pastor; Bigstone City, B. C. Sills, pastor; Wilmot and Corona, G. F. Jewel, pastor; Gary, Geo. E. Webster, pastor; and Whiterock, W. C. Ehlers, pastor,—as among the charges that received remarkable outpourings of the Spirit. Two hundred or more souls were saved in these meetings.

Very hard work was done by Brother Dibble at Arlington, Brother S. J. Watson at White, and Brother Lane at Sisseton, and with considerable success, especially at Riverside, on the Sisseton Charge. If others did not see the fruits they desired to see, it was not from a lack of earnest effort on their part.

CHURCH BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS.—There has been but one new church built this year; and that one is at Bruce, on the Castlewood Charge. It will soon be ready for dedication. A number of churches have been improved and beautified, notably at Vienna, on the Willow-lakes Charge; Oxford, on the Hazel Charge; Gary, White; Millbank; Clearlake; Arlington; Bigstone City, and Kilborn, on the Twinbrooks Charge.

PARSONAGES.—Parsonages have been built at Whiterock, Hazel, and Sisseton. Others have been improved, so that there are few charges without a comfortable house for the preacher. Millbank finished paying for a house bought about two years ago. Bristol purchased one during the year.

CHURCH DEBTS—Early in the season, Garden City paid off her Church Extension debt of two hundred and fifty dollars, thus freeing the Church of all incumbrance. Brookings had been burdened with a Church Extension debt for years, and the people thought that it could not be paid; but Brother Youngman and the official members thought it best to make the attempt. In the face of the cry, "It can't be done!" the pastor went forth with his subscription paper, and soon had the satisfaction of securing the last dollar needed. A bonfire was held in the church in the presence of an immense congregation a week or so ago. The old mortgage was the fuel for the fire. White paid four hundred and twenty dollars, which cuts down the debt so that it will not be difficult for the balance to be raised. I shall look for that to be accomplished during the current year. Watertown is slowly paying off the amount of her obligations, having remitted two hundred dollars since January 1st to the Church Extension Society. Great credit is due the Ladies' Aid Society for their untiring efforts to free the Church from debt. One hundred and three dollars have been paid by the Mill-

bank Society, leaving three hundred dollars to be raised,—not a large sum for Millbank. If others have paid debts, I have no reports from them.

EPWORTH AND JUNIOR LEAGUES.—The Epworth Leagues are, in some cases, doing good work, while in others they seem to have lost sight of their high privilege in Christ Jesus. It is my wish that every pastor shall put forth extra effort to arouse the young people of our Churches and congregations to earnest effort in the work of the League. Junior Leagues are organized on only a part of the charges. There seems to be much difficulty in many places to find suitable persons for Junior League Superintendents. May the day soon come when more of our people shall feel the great responsibility resting upon them, and be willing to say, "Yes," to the Lord! We must save the young, if we would save the world.

SALARIES AND BENEVOLENCES.—The salaries promised at the first Quarterly Conferences aggregated sixteen hundred dollars more than the pledges made for last year; and they have been met in almost every case. The benevolences have been well looked after, and on many charges splendid results have been reached. The Treasurer's report will show a gain of five hundred dollars for the district, with gains on every benevolence.

PLANS AND RULES FOR EXAMINATION
IN THE
CONFERENCE COURSES OF STUDY
ADOPTED BY THE
DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

EXAMINERS.

W. H. JORDAN, Chairman, Sioux Falls.	J. E. HOULGATE,	Pierre.
A. C. STEVENS, Secretary, Watertown.	E. P. HALL,	Aberdeen.
W. I. GRAHAM,	N. A. SWICKARD,	Aberdeen.
W. F. MINTY,	A. P. JANES,	Tyndall.
T. H. YOUNGMAN,	F. T. NICHOLLS,	Parker.
	G. F. HOPKINS,	Flandreau.
	W. D. DEEBLE,	Bath.

In order to secure a more systematic and efficient supervision of the Conference Courses of Study, and examinations thereon, the plans and methods below given shall be followed, subject to revision and amendment by order of the Conference.

I.—BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The Board of Examiners of the Dakota Conference shall consist of twelve members, who shall be nominated by the Cabinet, and appointed by the presiding Bishop.

The Board shall be divided into four classes, of three members each, whose term of service shall, at the first appointment, be for one, two, three, and four years respectively, and thereafter for four years successively; each examiner being eligible for successive reappointment.

Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the chairman of the Board, until the ensuing Annual Conference, when appointments shall be made as for full terms.

All appointments of examiners are to be made, if possible, as early as the third day of each Annual Conference session.

2.—OFFICERS.

The Board shall organize by electing from its members, annually, at its first regular meeting, a chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary, who shall perform the usual duties of these offices.

The work of the secretary shall also include the keeping of a permanent book record of the standing and credits of all candidates sub-

ject to examination by the Board; and he shall report the same to the Conference when required. This record shall also contain the credits allowed candidates for work done in our literary and theological schools.

3.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The officers of the Board shall constitute an Executive Committee, which shall have authority, under direction of the Board, to select the place and fix the date of the mid-year meeting, arrange the literary and religious program in connection with the same, and attend to all general matters of business in the intervals between Board meetings.

4.—REGULAR MEETINGS.

The Board of Examiners shall hold three regular meetings each year, as follows:

(1) At the seat of the Annual Conference, before the close of the annual session, if possible, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the election of officers and the assignment of work for the year. At this meeting the various examinations, and other work in connection therewith, should be assigned definitely to the several members of the Board; a schedule of the studies and subjects in the courses, with the names of examiners and the times of examination, should be prepared for publication in the Conference Minutes, or otherwise, and general plans outlined for the mid-year meeting of the Board.

(2) A mid-year meeting, to be held in the month of May of each year, the session not to continue longer than four days, usually from Tuesday to Friday, inclusive; the first two days being devoted mainly to special reviews, the last two mainly to examinations.

All undergraduates and, as far as possible, all candidates for admission to the Conference, and all local preachers who are candidates for orders, are required to attend this mid-year meeting, unless excused from attendance, for adequate cause, by the chairman of the Board.

At this meeting, examinations shall be conducted on at least one-half of the books and subjects on which examinations are to be conducted during the year.

It is expected that special lectures and other literary and religious exercises will be provided in connection with the regular work of the session, for the enjoyment and profit of all in attendance.

In place of the mid-year meeting the Board may, at its option, provide for mid-year examinations at district meetings.

(3) The Board of Examiners shall also convene at the seat of the Annual Conference, each year, the day before the Conference session begins, to review and complete the work of the year, and especially to conclude the examination of all candidates in the courses of study related to the work of that year. All examinations must be completed by the evening of the first day of the Conference session.

5.—SYSTEMATIC STUDY.

It shall be one duty of the Board to endeavor to secure more systematic work among the undergraduates in the four-years' course of study—a duty not less important than to provide for more careful examinations. Therefore, as far as is practicable, the examiners shall give to the undergraduates and others suggestions and instruction with reference to proper and profitable study of the books and subjects in all the required courses.

6.—QUESTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS.

As a rule, all examinations shall be in writing.

All candidates in the same class, who are examined at the same time, shall be tested by the same questions.

A list of not fewer than ten questions shall be prepared on each book or subject assigned for examination.

In the case of all candidates for "admission on trial," the Board is instructed to examine *first* in the "Elementary English Branches," and if the candidate fails to pass in these with reasonable credit, other examinations shall be postponed; and he shall be required to bring up these studies before he is admitted to examination in others.

In case of the unavoidable absence from the meetings of the Board of any examiner, he shall forward his lists of questions to the chairman, who will arrange for supervision of the examinations.

7.—SYLLABI AND OTHER PAPERS.

Candidates are required to make syllabi of the books assigned to be read, certifying that they prepared them independently, as the result of their own reading, not merely following the table of contents. All essays, sermons, and syllabi shall be graded, and the grading recorded, as in the case of books and subjects to be studied.

All written work for the year, except such final examinations on text-books and subjects, as are reserved for the third meeting of the Board, shall be forwarded to the appropriate examiners at least one month before the date of the Annual Conference.

8.—GRADES AND GRADING.

All grades shall be made on a scale of 100; and the minimum grade, upon which a candidate in the regular Conference course, or for admission on trial, may be passed, is seventy per cent on each study or subject.

Candidates for local deacons' or elders' orders must reach the grade of at least sixty per cent.

Each examiner shall forward to the secretary, as soon as practicable after the completion of the examination, the papers, certificates, and grades of each candidate; and the secretary shall file the papers, and make a permanent record of all grades and credits.

On receipt of these certificates of grades and credits from the examiner, the secretary shall also promptly notify the candidates in writing of the results of their examinations, which notification shall be to the candidates an official certificate of their work.

In case any candidate fails to pass in any study or examination, the secretary shall notify the chairman of the Board, as well as the candidate.

9.—APPEALS.

In case any candidate appeals from the grade markings of any examiner, the Board of Examiners shall investigate the matter, and make the final decision thereon.

All examination papers for the preceding year shall be destroyed at the close of each session of the Annual Conference; and no appeal shall be entertained thereafter.

10.—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

No candidate shall be entitled to advanced classification who has failed to pass in two books or subjects to be studied, or three books to be read; or in one to be studied and two to be read; or who is delinquent an equivalent amount in other required work; and no candidate shall be entitled to examination in advanced studies until he has brought up the work on which he is delinquent.

II.—FEES.

To provide for the necessary expense of the Board, an annual fee of one dollar shall be required of each candidate for examination.

The undergraduates of the Conference shall forward this fee to the secretary of the Board, annually, within sixty days of the adjournment of Conference. On receipt of the money, the secretary shall send the candidate a certificate which shall entitle him to all the privileges and examinations of the Board for the year.

Candidates for admission on trial, or for local orders, must also forward this fee of one dollar before they can be considered eligible for examination.

At the third meeting of the Board a committee shall be appointed to audit the financial accounts of the secretary.

12.—FOR ADMISSION OR ORDERS.

It shall be the duty of the presiding elders to report to the secretary of the Board as early in the year as possible the names of all candidates for orders. These will be expected to take their examinations at the regular meeting of the Board, and should be put in correspondence with the secretary, so as to learn the requirements which apply to them.

13.—PUBLICATION.

A copy of this plan, together with the detailed schedule of studies and assignments to examiners, shall be printed from year to year in the

Conference Minutes; and, if thought necessary, the Board may also publish the same in pamphlet form.

14.—AMENDMENTS.

The Board of Examiners shall be a permanent committee on the revision and amendment of the plans and methods herein presented; but before they become a valid part of the plan, or are used or published by the Board, all proposed changes must be accepted by vote of the Conference.

W. H. JORDAN, Chairman.

ADDENDA.

1.—SCHEDULE OF CLASSES.

The chairman shall arrange schedule of classes, and the hours for the meeting of each, to be strictly adhered to, at the Annual Conference examination.

2.—SEPARATE BUILDING.

The Board requests that a room, separate from the Church in which the Conference is held, be provided each year, in which to hold examinations.

3.—GRADES FROM CONFERENCES.

Acceptance of grades from other Conferences shall, in every instance, be optional with the Board. A low grade, as a rule, will not be recognized.

4.—RECOGNITION CARD.

At the opening of the Annual Conference examinations, each candidate shall present to the chairman a certificate from the registrar of standing in the mid-year tests; also, of fee paid. This shall entitle him to a recognition card, signed by the chairman, to be shown to each examiner from whom work is desired.

UNDERGRADUATES.

CLASS OF THE FOURTH YEAR.

Arthur C. Shepherd, Wm. S. Shepherd, Amos Emmott, Gilbert D. Brown, Edmund E. Dean, Thomas Sanderson.

CLASS OF THE THIRD YEAR.

Henry F. Knight, Robert M. Stavely, Wm. C. Cleworth, Wm. A. Greene, Hiram S. Coon, Charles E. Logsdon, Chas. O. Walker, S. Arthur Chappell, Louis L. Lane, Geo. C. Giffin, Perry S. Ingersoll.

CLASS OF THE SECOND YEAR.

Frank Fox, Joseph E. Watson, Harvey F. Hitch.

CLASS OF THE FIRST YEAR..

Isaac B. Sevy, Archie E. Rigby, Wm. A. Cave, Frederick F. Case, Geo. E. Webster, Thos. A. Stamp, Edgar E. Saxton, Wm. C. Ehlers.

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CLASSES AND INSTRUCTORS.

INSTRUCTOR.	*FOR ADMISSION.	FIRST YEAR.	SECOND YEAR.	THIRD YEAR.	FOURTH YEAR.	LOCAL ORDERS.
Jordan.....	.....	Extem. Preach.....	.....	Hermenentics .....	.....	Christian Baptism.....
Minty	American History...	Ancient and Med. History.....	Mod. History...	.....	.....	Methodist Law
Graham	Sermon and Essay..	Miley.....	Miley.....	Psychology .....	.....	.....
Houlgate	Life of Wesley.....	Christ. Perfection..	.....	Supernatural Book .....	.....	Christian Perfection....
Stevens.....	.....	Harmon	Harmon .....	.....	Butler's Analogy .....	.....
Youngman.....	Christ. Experience..	Syllabi.....	.....	Exegesis	Exegesis	Christian Experience...
Hall.....	Syllabi. Discipline.....	.....	{ Sermon and Es- say	History of Christian... } Church	Christian Church.....	{ Christian Church..... Bible History
Swickard	Literature	Sermon and Essay..	Logic.....	.....	Ency. and Methodol .....	.....
Janes	English Branches...	.....	Discipline	Syllabi	Christian Evidence.....	Discipline
Nicholls.....	Catechism	Exegesis.....	Exegesis.....	.....	Sermon and Essay	Raymond Theology.....
Hopkins	Am. Methodism.....	Rhetoric.....	.....	Sermon and Essay	Syllabi	{ Plan of Salvation
Deeble	Script. History.....	.....	Syllabi.....	.....	.....	{ Rhetoric..... History of Methodism... Gospel Records..... Sermon and Essay
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Prep. of Sermons	{ Report on Books Read.
Mid-Year Ex- aminations.	{ English Branches... American History... Life of Wesley..... Catechism	Extem. Preach..... Miley..... Rhetoric..... Harmon	Miley..... Logic..... Harmon	Supernatural Book..... Exegesis..... Hermeneutics	Analogy	Baptism
					Christian Evidence..... Preparation of Sermons.	Methodist Law..... History of Methodism...
					Sermon and Essay.....	.....

NOTE.—Examinations will be conducted only by the regular Examiners; questions will not be sent out to other parties. (See Discipline.) All Mid-Year Examinations should be taken at the stated time and place. All Examinations must be completed by the evening of the first day of the Conference session. Note Sections 10 and 11.

W. H. JORDAN, Chairman.

*Thirty-five years is the age limit for admission on trial.

DAKOTA UNIVERSITY DEBT STATEMENT.

The following-named subscribers have paid the amounts indicated, since Conference, 1898:

\$50.—A. C. Stevens.

\$25.—J. B. Dibble, H. S. Coon, Mrs. Ayers, H. F. Knight, N. A. Swickard, S. E. Morris, Geo. F. Hopkins, J. T. Morrow, Rifenbark & Matteson, Louisa Potter, O. Williams, H. M. Springer, W. H. Cory, F. L. Bromaghim, J. S. Akers, A. W. Thurston, E. P. Hall, J. S. Harkness, Azra P. Janes, F. S. Myers, A. D. Dexter, C. B. Clark, W. D. Deeble, W. H. Jordan, H. C. Clark, B. A. Bobb, J. P. Jenkins, G. D. Brown, Thos. Sanderson, I. W. Seaman.

\$20.—Mrs. T. H. Youngman.

\$12.50.—E. T. Colton, John Kaye, S. H. Scallin, W. A. Shurtleff, Mrs. E. Lamson, Mrs. E. D. Maxon, Lulu Blanchard, W. O. Redfield, Anna Simmons, W. O. Gram, W. H. Irwin.

\$6.25.—S. J. Watson, S. A. Chappell, A. Emmott, M. E. Nickerson, Noble Sisters, N. J. Bailey, W. L. Meinzer, W. F. Minty, Mrs. J. J. Hough, Maybell Cox, Mrs. L. P. Houser, W. S. Shepherd, Corwin Sisters, L. L. Lane, O. E. Brown, N. S. Wilson, E. E. Dean, N. J. Bailey.

\$5.—A. C. Shepherd, Lewis Shuster, R. B. Smith.

\$2.50.—F. J. Norton.

\$389.—W. I. Graham.

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I make the above report by order of resolution of Conference at time subscription was taken. Many of these delinquents are making an earnest effort to make payment. W. I. GRAHAM, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES.

Pentecostal services of great spiritual power were conducted every day, at eight A. M. and three P. M., by Dr. R. N. McKaig.

October 10th, 8 P. M.—Epworth League Anniversary, Rev. J. E. Houlgate presiding. Sermon by Rev. J. P. Jenkins. Text, Philippians ii, 12, 13.

October 11th, 8 P. M.—Anniversary Church Extension Society, Dr. J. O. Dobson presiding. Address by Dr. J. M. King.

October 12th, 3 P. M.—Missionary Sermon by Rev. W. B. Redburn. Text, Acts viii, 29. Rev. C. E. Matteson presided.

October 12th, 8 P. M.—Missionary Society Anniversary, Rev. A. E. Carhart presiding. Address by Dr. A. B. Leonard.

October 13th, 8 P. M.—Dakota University Anniversary, Dr. W. H. Jordan presiding. Addresses by Drs. Youngman and Graham.

October 14th, 8 P. M.—Pentecostal sermon by Dr. R. N. McKaig.

October 15th, 9 A. M.—Conference Love-feast, conducted by Rev. H. M. Springer.

10.30 A. M.—Sermon by Bishop John F. Hurst, D. D., LL. D.

3. P. M.—Ordination service by Bishop Hurst.

4. P. M.—Memorial service, in honor of Rev. A. R. Boggs and wife, Rev. O. H. Sproul and wife, and Mrs. J. E. Houlgate. Addresses by Revs. C. E. Hager, A. C. Stevens, N. A. Swickard, W. J. Calfee, R. N. McKaig.

8. P. M.—Sermon by Dr. McKaig, followed by consecration service.

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	MEMBERS.	SECRETARY.
Sept., 1880.	Yankton	Bishop Warren	1,050	Wm. McCready.
Oct., 1881.	Sioux Falls.....	Bishop Huist.....	1,366	Wm. McCready.
" 1882.	Parker	Bishop Merrill.....	1,504	Wm. McCready.
" 1883.	Huron.....	Bishop Simpson	2,782	D. Rifenbark.
" 1884.	Mitchell.....	Bishop Andrews.....	4,469	D. Rifenbark.
" 1885.	Blunt.....	Bishop Foss	5,209	A. R. Boggs.
" 1886.	Watertown	Bishop Bowman	6,565	A. R. Boggs.
" 1887.	Aberdeen.....	Bishop Fowler.....	8,225	A. R. Boggs.
" 1888.	Yankton.....	Bishop Walden	9,474	A. R. Boggs.
" 1889.	Huron.....	Bishop Vincent.....	10,526	W. H. Jordan.
" 1890.	Mitchell.....	Bishop FitzGerald.....	9,663	G. D. Cleworth.
" 1891.	Sioux Falls.....	Bishop Foss	9,006	A. W. Adkinson.
" 1892.	Madison.....	Bishop Goodsell	9,170	A. W. Adkinson.
" 1893.	Brookings	Bishop Ninde	9,747	G. D. Cleworth.
" 1894.	Watertown	Bishop Fowler.....	10,094	G. D. Cleworth.
" 1895.	Aberdeen.....	Bishop Joyce	9,510	C. H. Smith.
" 1896.	Vermillion.....	Bishop Vincent.....	9,335	J. P. Jenkins.
" 1897.	Mitchell.....	Bishop Warren	9,269	J. P. Jenkins.
" 1898.	Parker	Bishop McCabe.....	10,429	J. P. Jenkins.
" 1899.	Huron.....	Bishop Hurst	10,960	J. P. Jenkins.

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

NAME.	PLACE OF DEATH.	Age.....	Years in Ministry.	CONFERENCE RELATION.
		Time of Death.....		
John M. Rust.....	Vermillion, Dakota.....	1871	41	Effective.
Thomas M. Williams.....	Bridgewater, Dakota.....	1882	50	Effective.
Wm. H. Headley.....	Huron, Dakota.....	1886	51	Supernumerary.
T. S. Hunt.....	Aurora, Indiana.....	1887	57	Effective.
Wm. H. Affleck.....	Leeds, England.....	1887	76	Effective.
Wm. Vivian.....	San Fernando, California...	1888	45	Supernumerary.
Chas. B. Gilbert.....		1889	.....	Effective.
Stanley S. Smith.....		1889	.....	Effective.
Ira A. Sparks.....	Armour, South Dakota.....	1894	29	Effective.
Wm. Wesley Brown.....	Thomasburg, Ontario.....	1894	32	Supernumerary.
Geo. B. Dodd.....	Colman, South Dakota.....	1895	36	Probationer.
A. R. Boggs.....	Mitchell, South Dakota.....	1899	64	Superannuate.
Oliver H. Sproul.....	Northville, South Dakota...	1899	53	Effective.

Memoirs.

Rev. Andrew R. Boggs.

Andrew R. Boggs was born January 7, 1835, near Martinsburg, Knox County, Ohio, of parents who were Presbyterian in their religious faith. He received an academic education.

Of his early life, five years were devoted to educational work as principal of high schools; and five years he gave to the practice of law, four years of which he was prosecuting attorney.

On the first of November, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Later he was appointed Adjutant in the National Guards, and served in defense of the city of Washington, D. C., during the summer of 1864. Shortly after his conversion he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he filled prominent pulpits, both in Michigan and Dakota. In these Conferences he served as Presiding Elder and Secretary of the Conference. Of the Dakota Conference he was a charter member.

He has been prominently identified with our university at Mitchell for several years, and by his wise counsel has aided materially in building up this institution.

Brother Boggs has been a strong character in the Christian work of South Dakota.

A wise, brotherly man, true in every relationship of life, he was in love with humanity, and expressed that love in beautiful service. Through his long illness he was patient and uncomplaining; and when, on December 6th, the heavenly message, calling him to reward, came, it found him gloriously ready. There is no uncertainty about the destination of this true, great soul. An impressive service was held in the Methodist Episcopal church at Mitchell, December 9th, attended by many ministers and a large concourse of people who had known and loved him.

C. E. HAGER.

Mrs. Kate Booth Boggs.

Mrs. Kate Booth Boggs was born the thirtieth day of March, 1850, in New York City, was converted at the age of sixteen, and united with the Methodist Church. Her life was one of precious ministry from the time of her conversion. In her home Church, at Sioux Falls, she was looked upon as a leader, and was greatly loved. In coming to Mitchell as the wife of Rev. A. R. Boggs, she very soon endeared her-

self to the people, and became a cheerful presence and helper in nearly every department of Church work. Her devotion to her husband through his long illness was beautiful and pathetic. Unquestionably her death was hastened by her weary nights of watching at his bedside. Her death occurred September 9th, in her parents' home, in Sioux Falls. There was one hymn very precious to her during her sickness, and she had the friends sing it with her just before she went to heaven,—“Jesus, Savior, pilot me.”

Memorial services were held, both at Sioux Falls and Mitchell. By request, she was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Mitchell.

C. E. HAGER.

Rev. Anthony Wilford.

Rev. Anthony Wilford was born May 16, 1830, in Wayne County, Ohio. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church in his early manhood; ordained October 16, 1859, by Bishop Janes,—the first man ordained in the Minnesota Conference. In 1864, he was commissioned chaplain in the Army of the Republic.

He located in 1876, but resumed preaching shortly after, and continued to preach until his death, which occurred while he was a supply at Lake Preston.

He served, with great profit to the people, White, Hazel, and Lake Preston. He was a good and faithful man, and died in great peace at his home in Brookings, May 31, 1899.

T. H. YOUNGMAN.

Rev. Oliver Hugh Sproul.

Rev. Oliver Hugh Sproul was born in Ontario Province, Canada, March 19, 1846, and died at Northville, S. D., September 10, 1899. He was converted at the age of twenty-three, and licensed to preach two years later. In 1873 he was admitted to Upper Iowa Conference, and in the same year married Chloe A. McNair. Of this union five children were born—three sons and two daughters. In 1883 they moved to Dakota and settled at Brookings, from which place he went forth laboring as a pioneer in the great mission field to the westward. Returning from Montana, he was appointed to Winthrop, and then to Pierre, where he served acceptably four years. Last October he was appointed to Aberdeen District by Bishop McCabe. During his Pierre pastorate the youngest daughter died; and in February following their coming to Aberdeen, Mrs. Sproul died. This was a great blow to Brother Sproul; but he bore it with fortitude, testifying to the presence of the Divine Comforter. He had expressed a desire “to die in the harness;” but no one who saw him the morning of September 10th guessed how

near was its realization. He had preached with great unction from the text, "Art thou he that should come?" and was summarizing, when suddenly, seeming overcome by his emotions, he sank upon his knees, saying: "The Lord help us! Let us pray!" The pastor at Northville, G. C. Giffin, was at his side in a moment, but the prayer was finished "face to face." There was no apparent consciousness of earthly friends; and within five minutes the physician said, "He is dead." Heart disease was pronounced to be the cause. Monday morning, the remains were brought home to Aberdeen; and Wednesday, at ten A. M., funeral services were held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The pall-bearers were selected from the Official Board of the Church. Many ministers were present, six of whom served as honorary pallbearers. The writer was in charge. Rev. C. E. Hager, D. D., Presiding Elder, of the Mitchell District, offered prayer. Rev. J. S. Akers, D. D., of Desmet, read the lessons; and Rev. Thos. H. Youngman, D. D., of Brookings, a long-time friend of the family, preached an inspiring, comforting sermon. As a husband and father, Brother Sproul was ideal. His children have followed in his steps, and are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His work as Presiding Elder was characterized by zeal for the Master, loyalty to the Church, and consideration for the brethren. His simple piety, his dignified manner, and his earnest gospel-preaching commended him to the laity. The district association passed suitable resolutions at a called meeting, Wednesday afternoon. Of him it may be surely said, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

N. A. SWICKARD.

Mrs. Chloe A. Sproul.

Chloe A. McNair was born in Canada, August 28, 1849. In 1873 she was married to Oliver H. Sproul. She was the mother of five children—three sons and two daughters.

Sister Sproul was a model wife, especially helpful to her husband in the difficult pastorates to which he was sent. She was a wise, loving mother, an earnest Christian, whose life was an eloquent testimony of faith and works.

Her last illness began with la grippe. Soon pneumonia set in; and, after two weeks of suffering in the body but of peace and joy in the spirit, she went home, February 2, 1899.

N. A. SWICKARD.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—(REPORT A.)

We, your Committee on Church Extension, recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Church Extension Society has been one of the principal agencies in the development of our Church on the frontier; be it

Resolved, That, as there has been a revival of prosperity, and many societies, which could not venture to build a church during the hard times, will now be able to do so with aid from the Church Extension Society, and thus create greater demands on its treasury; therefore, we recommend that special effort should be made in regard to the Church Extension collection. Also, in view of the fact that all moneys paid upon Church debts during the coming year are to be credited to the "Twentieth-century Fund," we earnestly recommend that diligence be used to secure special gifts to pay off old debts on churches.

J. E. NORVELL, Secretary.

LOUIS L. LANE, Chairman.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.— (REPORT B.)

We, your Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The importance of the work of the Society, in view of the conditions prevailing in the South, is evident; the awful crimes and their influence over the nation have called attention to our work as never before in the history of the Society; the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, through a number of its most prominent officials, has been led to commend the work most highly, and to see in it the only hope for the solving of the Southern problem; and

WHEREAS, The Churches taking no collection have been reduced in the last seven years from seven thousand to a little more than three thousand,

Resolved, Therefore, that we express our confidence in the present management, and urge every pastor to take a collection for the Society.

AMOS EMMOTT, Chairman.

M. E. NICKERSON, Secretary.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION AND TRACT SOCIETY.—
(REPORT C.)

WHEREAS, We recognize in the Sunday-school one of the most potent factors in the religious and educational life, and also believe that the Sunday-school literature of the Methodist Episcopal Church, published by our own Book Concern, is the best for Sunday-school purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Tract Society, through tract-distribution and aid to the cause of missions, is such a potent factor in the evangelization of the world, we recommend:

1. That all Sunday-schools be urged by the pastors to adopt the Methodist Book Concern literature.
2. That the generous offer of the Tract Society—to supply every pastor, who makes application, with tracts to the value of one-half of the last collection taken in their respective charges—be more generally accepted.
3. That, as the Tract Society needs fifty thousand dollars a year, and the Sunday-school Union aids about three thousand five hundred needy schools each year, a collection be taken this year in every charge.

G. D. BROWN,
ARZA P. JANES.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—(REPORT D.)

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been a potent factor in the hands of God in extending the Redeemer's kingdom in benighted lands, and especially in the uplifting and redemption of woman from heathen bondage and degradation; and since the consecrated women of Methodism are so interested in their sisters in the Orient; and since the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Dakota Conference during the past year has raised over fourteen hundred dollars for this work;

Resolved, That we, as pastors, welcome the representatives of this Society to our charges, and give them every encouragement possible.

Resolved, That we urge those pastors, where no local Auxiliaries exist, to use their influence in securing such organization at once.

W. S. SHEPHERD, Chairman.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—(REPORT E.)

Recognizing the substantial support given by the Woman's Home Missionary Society to the underpaid pastors who are laying the foundations of Christ's kingdom in new States:

Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation of the service rendered by this Society, and that we pledge ourselves to form Auxiliaries wherever practicable.

W. O. REDFIELD, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.—(REPORT F.)

Our Board of Bishops has wisely declared that the dramshop can not be licensed without sin. This being true, Christian people can not escape responsibility for the exercise of such power as they possess for its speedy overthrow.

Great as are the losses to property, happiness, and life resulting from the beverage liquor-traffic, these are small compared to the damage it inflicts in bewildering and stupefying the consciences of enlightened and professedly Christian men.

The traffic has usurped political authority in both this State and Nation; and to some extent it dominates the Church. Illustrations of this appear in the remarkable disregard of constitutional and sworn obligations by many members of our recent Legislature, in the foolish and wicked subversion of law by Attorney-General Griggs, and in the failure of our President to exercise his authority for the suppression of the army canteen,—an institution, by which many thousands of our soldier boys have been debauched, and hundreds have been destroyed.

The solution of the liquor problem lies in the hands of the Christian people of this country. In all vital reforms, the Church, officered by intelligent and consecrated ministers, must lead the way.

IN THIS MATTER THE CHURCH SHOULD SEEK:

First. Renewed spiritual apprehension and enforcement upon the consciences of men of the standards of righteousness.

Second. A knowledge and wise appreciation of the facts involved. Otherwise humiliation and defeat must follow the efforts we make for the solution of the troublesome liquor problem.

Third. Emancipation from the spirit of partyism, which is the deadly foe of all reforms.

Fourth. All possible unity among the friends of righteousness. Here, as elsewhere, immoderate zeal is dangerous, while a captious and divisive spirit is sinful.

Fifth. The careful organizing and wielding of our forces under wise, chosen, and consecrated leadership.

Sixth. Discreet, hopeful, courageous, unfaltering, systematic agitation (not irritation) pertaining to this theme. To this end we recommend monthly Union Sabbath evening gospel temperance meetings, with pledge-signing, wherever possible.

Seventh. Religious attention to all civic duties. As an important help in this we commend the "Voters' Union" and the "Bureau of Information," recently created by the Anti-saloon League. We should not miss or misunderstand the relation of Prohibition to the vote to be had under resubmission in 1900, nor the issues at stake in the election of Supreme Court Judges, next November.

Eighth. All possible co-operation with the Anti-saloon League in whatever of its plans commend themselves to individual Christian consciences. Particularly do we praise the generous treatment accorded by our Churches to this useful and promising organization.

A. E. CARHART, Chairman.

CENTURY THANK-OFFERING.—(REPORT G.)

The Special Committee on Century Thank-offering reports as follows:

After careful consideration, we conclude that this is the opportune time to make provision for the pressing needs of our University at Mitchell. We recommend:

1. That our university be made the special beneficiary of our Twentieth-century Campaign for the next two years.
2. That the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars be raised for buildings and equipments; ten thousand dollars of this sum to be raised in Mitchell and Davison Counties, and twenty-five thousand dollars in the territory of the Conference, except Davison County.
3. That the twenty-five thousand dollars be apportioned to the several districts by the Commission herein provided for.
4. That a Century Commission be raised, consisting of the President of the University, Presiding Elders, one layman and one pastor from each district.
5. That the Commission meet at the earliest possible moment, organize, and make provision for a vigorous campaign. It shall also secure a suitable man for Corresponding Secretary, who can give all his time to the work of the Commission. This Commission to have power to fill all vacancies in its own body.

This Commission shall make all by-laws for its government.

6. It is further recommended that the Commission appoint a Committee for each district, consisting of the Presiding Elder, as Chairman, one pastor, and one layman; said Committee to co-operate with the Commission in carrying on its work in the district.

7. That each Presiding Elder, on first round, present this plan to each Quarterly Conference for indorsement; and also have a Committee of three selected, with pastor as Chairman, which Committee to co-operate with the District Committee in securing the results desired on each charge. One person from each District Committee, and one from each local Committee, shall be named as Corresponding Secretary.

8. That the *Visitor* be the special organ of the Commission, which shall represent the Conference in the publication and distribution of the paper.

T. H. YOUNGMAN, Chairman.

G. T. NOTSON, Secretary.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—(REPORT H.)

Believing, as we do, that our civilization rests upon our Christianity, and that the maintenance and success of the latter depend on the consecration of one day in the week for the worship of God and instruction from his Word; and believing that Sabbath rest is especially demanded by the excited and nervous condition of our American life; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That, as ministers of the gospel, we will do all in our power, by private example and public exposition, to so present the eternal sanctions and obligations of the Sabbath, that our Christian people may be restrained from all improprieties, and devote themselves to holy observances and the religious instruction of their families.

Resolved, 2. That, without desiring ascetic practices, we will oppose all attempts at Europeanizing our Sabbath by converting it into a day for pleasure, entertainment, travel, or sociabilities.

Resolved, 3. That we will exhort all laborers to observe the day by abstinence from unnecessary labor; that we protest against the conscienceless greed of great corporations who compel their workmen to toil seven days in the week, without opportunity of rest or worship.

Resolved, 4. That we will oppose all communistic and socialistic efforts to secularize the Sabbath, and remove the legal guarantees and restrictions thereof.

Resolved, 5. That we will do all that we can to maintain existing Sabbath laws, and seek to secure the absolute closing of all places for the sale of intoxicants.

Resolved, 6. That we cordially co-operate with all law and order associations and societies for the protection of the Sabbath, and will recommend their purposes, books, and pamphlets on this subject.

Resolved, 7. That we are not in favor of opening of gates at Sunday camp-meetings and Chautauquas, and advertising great attractions for the holy Sabbath, by which excursions and other forms of mere pleasure-seeking are encouraged, and the Sabbath becomes a holiday rather than a holy day.

OLIVER WILLIAMS, Chairman.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.—(REPORT I.)

Standing amid the gathering shadows of the evening of the Nineteenth Century, while the dawn of the Twentieth breaks upon our vision, it is every way proper that we should carefully review the past, and wisely plan for the future. No age has furnished such grand opportunities as the present; and no age has imposed such responsibilities.

We praise the great Head of the Church for the wonderful success of our own beloved Methodism. Only a little over a century and a quarter since the first little society was formed in this country; and

since that time the work has so enlarged and spread throughout all the States and Territories, Canada, and Mexico; also sending its stream of healing and light and life into Africa, Asia, Europe, and the islands of the sea. While we praise God for the work achieved, and ascribe all the glory to him, yet we must not fail to recognize the fact that continued success is conditioned upon "walking in the light, as he is in the light;" otherwise "the candlestick will be removed out of its place." No Church can live on its past record; it can only hope for success by carefully following on in the lines which led up to its present greatness.

While there are sounds in the air of the decline of the Church, the remedy is found in the counsel given to one of the Churches of Asia, "Hold fast, and repent." There are a few things we desire to emphasize, which we deem as of vital importance:

First, we believe the time has fully come when the ministers of the gospel, and especially the ministry of our own Church, "should all speak the same thing." While Methodism has much in common with all the Churches of Protestantism, yet her great distinguishing doctrine is holiness. On this, among Methodist preachers of to-day, there is a great diversity of opinion, to the confusion and bewilderment of our people.

We also deprecate the publication by our Book Concern of books which are subversive of this glorious doctrine, but indorsed by our publishers.

Some of our thoughtful and well-informed men see in some of our institutions of learning cause for alarm, in that the minds of the students are being poisoned with the objections to the inspiration of the Scriptures along the line of the *higher criticism*, sending them out to preach their doubts rather than a positive gospel that saves.

Purity of doctrine and life in our college halls, in our publishing houses, in our editorial chairs, among our chief pastors in our pulpits, and in our pews, is the only safeguard against the general sweep of this corrupt and dangerous age. May the Shekinah of Jehovah's presence abide with the Church!

A. JAMIESON, Chairman.

CHURCH LITERATURE.—(REPORT J.)

Realizing the importance of an intelligent, well-informed, holy people, and to this end realizing the necessity of able, pure, and abundant literature, it is with pleasure that your Committee considers the literary character of our great Church, and the marvelous growth and wide-spread influence of the publishing interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We are proud of the splendid record of our publishing house, and pronounce its publications as among the very ablest, cleanest, cheapest.

The Northwestern Christian Advocate, with its efficient and clear-cut editorship, always right on every moral issue, is an inspiration and source of great instructive helpfulness to the Church.

The Epworth League, also, owes the publishers as great a debt of gratitude for the splendid organ furnished it in the *Epworth Herald*.

We commend our own publications to the Churches of Dakota Conference. Especially would we urge upon the pastors the necessity of making a thorough canvass for our Church papers; and also would urge the use of our own Sunday-school supplies, believing them to be inferior to none published.

J. B. DIBBLE, Chairman.

G. D. BROWN, Secretary.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—(REPORT K.)

In view of the special opportunities before the American Bible Society at this time, we desire to hereby express our renewed confidence in its management and work, and urge upon our Churches the importance of increased contributions, and that this collection be taken separately and upon the merits of the cause.

We especially urge the distribution of such Bible literature in tract form as shall fully set forth the facts, needs, and opportunities in our newly-acquired territory for the spread of the Holy Scriptures.

We desire, further, to commend Rev. D. W. Dickinson, of St. Paul, the newly-appointed Field Agent for the Society, to our Churches, urging pastors and people to heartily co-operate with him in this work.

E. E. DEAN, Secretary.

F. J. NORTON, Chairman.

ASBURY HOSPITAL.—(REPORT L.)

The Committee on Asbury Hospital would report that the past year has been one of great activity and increased usefulness.

The number of patients treated is six hundred and sixty-eight (668), representing nine (9) States and nineteen (19) nationalities. The free dispensary treated two thousand three hundred and sixty-five patients. The successful treatment of some special cases sent from South Dakota causes us to appreciate the value of such an institution to our people.

A new building is greatly needed, and plans for it have been accepted. Beautiful lots for the new hospital, facing on a lovely park, have been donated, and it is proposed to erect a building worth one hundred thousand dollars. Therefore,

Resolved, That we renew and emphasize our recommendations of a year ago—that our pastors welcome to their charges the duly-appointed agents of the Hospital wherever possible, and in every case to take a collection for the work. We also commend Asbury Hospital to all persons who are in need of surgical or medical treatment.

O. A. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE VISITOR TO GARRETT
BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.—(REPORT M.)

As Conference Visitor to the Garrett Biblical Institute, I submit the following report:

The school is in a very prosperous condition, and thorough work is being done in the class-rooms. Another very satisfactory feature was the testimony of those completing the course of study, that their spiritual life has been deepened, and their faith in the doctrines of Christianity built up, by the instruction received.

The Institute is collecting a rare and valuable library of historical works of Methodism. In this library are a large number of the books of the Wesleys and other early Methodist writers. The librarian will be pleased to correspond with any one who has or knows where other additions to the library may be secured.

The Twentieth-century Fund was discussed, with the result that an attempt will be made to raise fifty thousand dollars to endow a Chair of Sociology, to be known as the "Ridgaway Professorship of Social Ethics."

The trustees have arranged to pay the railroad fare at half rates, both ways, of duly-elected Conference Visitors. They also request patronizing Conferences to elect yearly two Visitors in such a manner that each Visitor will be able to serve two years successively.

We heartily commend this school of the prophets to all our young brethren of the ministry.

GEO. F. HOPKINS.

STATE OF THE NATION.—(REPORT N.)

WHEREAS, The State of Utah, by the election of B. H. Roberts, a self-confessed polygamist, to the lower House of Congress, has set at defiance the moral sentiment of the Nation, and the law of the land; therefore.

Resolved, 1. That we demand his expulsion from the National Congress.

2. That we petition Congress to submit to the several States of the Union an amendment to our Constitution, forever forbidding polygamy beneath the protection of our flag, in America, or in the isles of the seas.

3. That we condemn any treaty with any sultan or tribal chief in the Philippines, by which this Government shall be made the protector and be made responsible for this infamy.

4. That we urge our pastors to see that petitions be sent from their charges to our senators and representatives in Congress to secure this end.

5. That our representatives in Congress from South Dakota are

hereby urged to vote against the seating, or for the expulsion, as the case may require, of Brigham H. Roberts, Congressman-elect from Utah.

6. That we take pleasure in the growing sentiment in our own land, and throughout the world, in favor of international arbitration of all differences arising between the nations of the earth; and pray God to hasten the day when nation shall not lift up the sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

W. J. CALFEE, Secretary. O. A. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.—(REPORT O.)

The Committee on Conference Claimants beg leave to make the following report:

Amount received from the Conference collections.....	\$815 00
Book Concern.....	420 00
Chartered Fund.....	25 00
Interest on Loan Fund.....	31 30
Bills receivable.....	78 48
	—————\$1,369 78

Disbursed, as follows:

Mrs. Hoadley.....	\$70 00
F. A. Burdick.....	100 00
T. Wilkinson.....	60 00
H. T. Curl.....	125 00
Sanford Washburn.....	100 00
S. F. Brown.....	125 00
Wm. Underwood.....	140 00
J. G. Hall.....	190 00
Lewis Hartsough.....	180 00
T. H. Walker.....	140 00
D. W. Chamberlain.....	125 00
	—————1,355 00

Cash on hand..... \$14 78
 E. P. HALL, Secretary. G. J. CORWIN, Chairman.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.—(REPORT P.)

Auditing Treasurer's account. The above account has been audited by your Committee, and found to be correct, and the books properly kept.

JOHN KAYE, J. S. AKERS.

RESOLUTIONS.—(REPORT Q.)

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

Resolved, That we express our deepest gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for his great blessings and tender mercies bestowed upon us during the year.

Resolved, That we are grateful and delighted to have had with us the eminent divine and scholar of our Church, our beloved Bishop Hurst, and that his wisdom and ability have been a help and inspiration to us all, and we express the hope that at some future time he may come to us again.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the Secretaries and Treasurer of the Conference and their assistants, for their faithful and efficient services.

Resolved, That we extend our most heartfelt gratitude to the people of Huron for their cordial reception and generous entertainment of the Conference, and to the pastor and Miss Calfee and to the Local Committee for their untiring efforts for our temporal welfare.

Resolved, That we heartily thank the trustees of the Baptist Church of Huron for the use of their beautiful house of worship, so kindly tendered us.

W. F. MINTY,
W. L. MEINZER.

EDUCATION.—(REPORT R.)

Your Committee, upon due investigation, finds that our university at Mitchell has had the most prosperous year in its history. The enrollment reached 328, an increase of 62 over the former year. A most encouraging feature is that forty different counties were represented in the attendance, showing how fully the institution is reaching all parts of the Conference. We are again grateful to report that the management has been enabled to meet all current expenses. While so many schools of our own Church and of other Churches are failing to meet current expenses, we should congratulate ourselves that our school is so carefully and economically managed as to have no deficit. Owing to the fact that expenses are necessarily increasing as the teaching force is multiplied and additional equipment secured, it becomes imperative to increase the supplemental fund from the Conference. Let every charge bring the full apportionment, at least for the coming year.

The present year opened with good promise of a fair increase over last year. The grade of students is improving; more have entered for the Senior Preparatory and Freshman classes than usual. The rank among the colleges of the State is most favorable. For the third time in succession the first honors in oratorical contest have been awarded our college, securing the silver cup as a permanent trophy.

The problem of a new building is still unsolved. The demand must be met. We must rise and build, or the receding tide will leave us stranded, and not only loss of time will be incurred, but a desperate struggle will be needed to overcome the inertia, and regain our wonted rate of progress. This is the time to strike for such increased facilities as the exigencies of the case demand. New dormitories, society halls, Christian Association rooms, library and reading rooms must be pro-

vided. Let us take this institution on our hearts as never before, and go to our people with a determination to enlist them more fully than ever. We must turn our young people to this school. We pledge hearty co-operation with such plans as may be adopted for the Century Movement in the interest of this institution.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That \$3,000 be apportioned to the Conference for the university.
2. That the Sabbath following Thanksgiving-day be appointed University Day, at which time subscriptions be taken to cover the apportionment to each charge for the university.
3. For Board of Members, Class 1904: C. B. Clark, C. E. Hager, J. P. Jenkins, W. I. Graham, J. T. Morrow.
To fill vacancy of A. R. Boggs, Class of 1892, D. Rifenbark.
4. Visitors to Dakota University: O. Williams, A. C. Shepherd, W. F. Minty, W. J. Calfee, Thomas Sanderson.
Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute: G. F. Hopkins, S. J. Watson.
To Boston Theological School: J. E. Houlgate.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We hereby commend the work of the Board of Education in rendering such timely and liberal assistance to so many young people of our Church in acquiring an education. The importance of Children's-day is urged upon every pastor and Sunday-school superintendent. Let every charge observe this day, using the program provided by the Board of Education. Let no blanks appear for this collection the coming year.

The attention of young men preparing for the ministry is called to our superior School of Theology, and they are urged to avail themselves of the excellent advantages offered.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total receipts from July 1, 1898, to June 30, 1899.....	\$11,602 57
Estimated expenses for 1899-1900.....	10,000 00
Estimated resources for 1899-1900.....	10,600 00
Decrease in college debt.....	1,466 00
Present indebtedness.....	3,350 00

We are pleased to note the decrease in the debt, and urge all who are delinquent to make payment at the earliest date possible, so that this debt may be completely wiped out. W. H. JORDAN, Chairman.

J. B. DIBBLE, Secretary.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The year has been marked by growth in interest and larger giving by the well-established Auxiliaries, rather than by growth in numbers or organizations. At several places work begun last year has been discontinued for lack of a leader. We were pledged to raise \$1,150, and our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude to God that he has helped us to raise \$1,401.62. For the coming year \$1,500 is pledged, and also the organizing of 10 new Auxiliaries. Our latest reports show 28 Auxiliaries with 467 members; 5 Young People's Societies with 103 members; 10 Children's Bands with 302 members.

District Secretaries for the year are as follows:

Aberdeen.....	Mrs. Phila Noble, Aberdeen.
Huron.....	Miss Minnie Calfee, Huron.
Mitchell.....	Mrs. R. B. Hager, Mitchell.
Sioux Falls.....	
Watertown.....	Mrs. D. Rifenbark, Watertown.

The financial year of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society always closes October 1st. This accounts for differences which may be found between the report of Branch Treasurer, which is given below, and the figures found in tables of the Minutes, as any money brought to Conference by the pastors is added to the latter, but not to the former. The only way to correct this is for all Auxiliary Treasurers to be sure to collect and forward all money to Branch Treasurer before September 30th. We are always glad to receive money at Conference, and it is promptly sent to Branch Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Aberdeen	\$81 68	Doland	\$1 00
Junior League.....	10 00	Frederick	45
Band	20 83	Gale	5 00
Ashton	45	Groton	3 00
Bangor	1 50	Northville	1 00
Bath	11 60	Ordway	1 00
Britton	3 00	Pierpoint	1 50
Junior League.....	10 00	Warner	21 75
Detroit	9 35		
Total			\$183 11

FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE

HURON DISTRICT.

Hitchcock	\$10 00	Redfield	\$8 00
Huron	80 25		
Total			\$98 25

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria	\$34 65	Edgerton	\$1 00
Mitchell	84 95	Fulton	1 00
Young Women.....	37 00	Kimball	15 79
Pleasant Ridge Missionary		Scotland	1 00
Circle	20 00	Woonsocket	18 80
Plankinton	22 00		
Total			\$236 19

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

Alcester	\$2 00	Madison	\$129 35
Canton	31 25	Band	24 35
Centerville	5 75	Parker	48 00
Dell Rapids.....	1 00	Sioux Falls.....	103 80
District	10 00	Young Women.....	46 84
Elkpoint	31 15	Vermillion	84 35
Flandreau	9 50	Young People.....	20 00
Lennox	50 04		
Band	24 35	Total	\$609 22

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Arlington	\$28 00	Clark	\$17 40
Bigstone Junior League....	20 00	Kampeska	1 00
Brookings	24 75	Watertown	155 00
Band	20 00		
Total			\$266 15

Conference Miscellanies.....	\$8 70
Total	\$1,401 62

L. P. HAUSER, Conference Secretary.

MINUTES OF LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE

HELD AT HURON, S. D., OCTOBER 14, 1899.

Meeting called to order by Dr. Daniels, of Madison. On motion, R. N. Kratz was elected Chairman, and F. S. Brown was elected Secretary.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following committees:

Credentials—H. G. Tilton, W. N. Daniels, L. S. Tyler.

Resolutions—A. N. Van Camp, T. A. Duncan, A. W. Burt, Mrs. O. A. Phillips, Mrs. S. J. Clark.

Rules and Order of Business—C. W. Ainsworth, W. B. Wait, N. S. Wilson.

To Wait on Bishop—R. N. Kratz, J. L. Gray, S. Small.

On motion, Committee on Credentials made partial report. Report accepted and held open.

Communication from Baltimore Conference read, and referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Report of Committee on Order of Business read and adopted.

Committee to Wait on Bishop reported from him an invitation for Lay Conference to meet him at Methodist Episcopal Church at five o'clock P. M. Report accepted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read, and accepted as a whole. Following resolution presented:

Resolved, That we hereby memorialize the General Conference to insert in the Discipline an additional test of full membership; viz., total abstinence from the use of tobacco.

On motion, resolution adopted.

On motion, Dr. Graham, of Dakota University, was called on for an explanation of the "Century Campaign Plan."

Supplemental report of Committee on Credentials read and adopted.

Motion made, and carried, to proceed to election of lay delegates to General Conference.

Chair appointed the following to act as Tellers: W. H. Murphy, L. A. McColloch, J. C. Baker.

Motion carried to make first ballot informal. Result of informal ballot: ballots, 46.

S. E. Morris.....	23
H. S. Mouser.....	23
H. G. Tilton.....	20
R. N. Kratz.....	12
Scattering	23

Conference then proceeded to formal ballot, with following result: ballots cast, 49.

S. E. Morris.....	25
H. S. Mouser.....	33
H. G. Tilton.....	22
R. N. Kratz.....	9
Scattering	9

S. E. Morris and H. S. Mouser having received a majority of all votes cast were declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast ballot for the Conference for H. G. Tilton and R. N. Kratz for reserve delegates.

H. G. Tilton and R. N. Kratz declared elected.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

F. S BROWN, Secretary.

CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE OFFICERS.

President—Rev. W. J. Calfee, Huron.

Vice-President—Ray Carhart, Mitchell.

Recording Secretary—Charlotta A. Moyer, Mitchell.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. S. J. Watson, Millbank.

Treasurer—S. E. Morris, Redfield.

Junior League Superintendent—Mrs. J. O. Dobson, Sioux Falls.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

President—Rev. Thomas Sanderson, Groton.

Secretary—Miss Bessie Bradshaw, Groton.

HURON DISTRICT.

President—Miss Nellie Barker, Hitchcock.

Secretary—Miss Victoria O'Laughlin, Redfield.

MICHELL DISTRICT.

President—Miss C. A. Moyer, Mitchell.

Secretary—Miss June Connor, Mitchell.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

President—Rev. H. P. Eberhart, Hudson.

Secretary—Miss Lois Kingsbury, Hartford.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

President—Rev. J. B. Dibble, White.

Secretary—Mr. H. Keeler, Milbank.

BY-LAWS.

All By-laws and amendments thereof, governing the Board of Trustees, and the actions of any and all officers of the Board of Trustees shall be enacted by the members at an annual meeting, and recorded in a book called the Book of By-laws, and attested by a majority of the Trustees and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees; and no by-law nor amendment shall take effect until such by-law or such amendment shall be so recorded and attested.

It shall require the vote of two-thirds of the members to enact or amend a by-law.

After the annual election of Trustees, and before leaving the seat of Conference, they shall organize by electing from their number a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and appoint such Committees as shall be necessary to carry out the designs of this corporation.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, shall decide all questions of law involved in proceedings pending, subject to an appeal to the annual meeting of the members. He shall, with the Secretary, sign all drafts upon the treasury, and all contracts, deeds, and mortgages.

In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of every meeting of the Board, and shall record them in a proper book. He shall be the custodian of the Book of By-laws, and shall make all necessary records therein. He shall be the custodian of all the contracts, mortgages, deeds, etc., of the Society. He shall send out notices for meetings; with the President, sign all drafts on the treasury, and perform all the duties usual to the office of a Corresponding Secretary.

The Treasurer shall keep all moneys belonging to the Conference, and pay them out only upon the order of the President and Secretary, subject always to the authority of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees, through the Secretary and Treasurer, shall make a report annually to the Conference of all its doings, and the condition of the funds, assets, and liabilities, and said reports, with the books of account of each officer, shall be submitted to an Auditing Committee of one from each district, appointed by the Conference at its annual session.

INCOME.

The income of the Society shall be:

I. One per cent of the salaries of the members, payable at each annual session of the Conference as shown by the Minutes.

2. An annual collection on each charge equaling two per cent of the pastor's salary for the current year as shown by the Minutes.
3. The sums appropriated to the Conference from the profits of the Book Concern.
4. The sums appropriated from the Chartered Fund.
5. Bequests, legacies, gifts, and interest arising from investments.

EXPENDITURES.

The funds of this corporation shall be used only as provided in the Discipline for the government of the Board of Conference Stewards, and such absolute and necessary expenses of the Board of Trustees as may be incurred in the administration of these funds:

Provided, That a sum equal to that proportion of the required one per cent he has failed to pay, and of the two per cent he has failed to collect, shall be deducted from a claimant's annual claims.

PERMANENT FUND.

An effort shall be made to create a fund not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the interest of which shall be used for the support of the Conference claimants.

At no time shall any of the principal or of the moneys now on hand or that shall be given for the establishment of a permanent fund be used to pay the current claims.

At least one-sixth of the amount received annually from pastors' salaries, all moneys remaining any one year after payment of current claims, and all bequests, legacies, and gifts shall be invested as a permanent fund.

No investment shall be made without the concurrent consent of the Committee on Investments, consisting of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

All investments shall be secured by first mortgage on real estate, valued at not less than twice the value of the loan.

Four Trustees shall have authority to call a meeting of the Board of Trustees, which meeting shall have authority to transact any business.

Four Trustees shall constitute a quorum. HENRY M. SPRINGER,

T. H. YOUNGMAN.

A JAMIESON

STATISTICS Nos. 1 and 2.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

O. H. SPROUL, Presiding Elder.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

STATISTICS Nos. 1 and 2.

HURON DISTRICT.

THOMAS SIMMONS, Presiding Elder.

STATISTICS Nos. 1 and 2.

MICHELL DISTRICT.

C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

STATISTICS Nos. 1 and 2.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder.

* From Minutes of 1898.

STATISTICS Nos. 1 and 2.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	CHURCH PROPERTY.										SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.											
	BAP' MS		No. of Adults		No. of Children		Probable Value....		No. of Parsonages		No. of Churches...		No. of Deaths...		No. of Local Preachers....		No. of Full Members...		No. of Probationers...			
Arlington.....																						
Bigstone City.....																						
Bradley.....																						
Bristol.....																						
Brookings.....																						
Castlewood.....																						
Clark.....																						
Clearlake.....																						
Elkton.....																						
Garden City.....																						
Gary.....																						
Hazel.....																						
Henry.....																						
Kampeska.....																						
Lake Preston.....																						
Millbank.....																						
Sisseton.....																						
Summit.....																						
Twinbrooks.....																						
Watertown.....																						
Waubay.....																						
Webster.....																						
White.....																						
Whiterock.....																						
Willowlakes.....																						
Wilmot.....																						
Not otherwise reported.....																						
Total	187	1980	7	20	62	30	31	68950	17	12900	3127	1700	6868	45	398	2734	1910	35	330	538	47	1051

STATISTICS No. 3.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

O. H. SPROUL, Presiding Elder.

STATISTICS No. 3.

HURON DISTRICT.

THOMAS SIMMONS, Presiding Elder.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPP'T OF PRESID'NG ELDERS.	SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.	CONF. CLAIMANTS.	CUR. EXPEN.	S.S.: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc .....Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc					
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.		Deficiencies											
		Total	House Rent	Salary	Amount Paid.....	Amount Appor-tioned.....											
Alpena	R. H. Stokes	\$600	\$100	\$700	\$600	\$100	\$700	\$60	\$60	\$763	\$62	\$51					
Blunt.....	C. E. Logsdon	450	30	480	440	30	470	\$10	42	1	1	40					
Burdette	W. E. Hartung	400	15	415	385	15	400	15	40	444	4	48					
Cavour	E. E. Saxton				56			34	31	91		25					
Desmet	J. S. Akers	600	100	700	460	100	560	140	60	613	10	57					
Faulkton	G. D. Brown	525		525	515		515	10	53	53	570						
Forest City	N. J. Willits	300		300	222		222	78	30	30	251	10					
Gettysburg	S. F. McGuire	500	100	600	500	100	600		50	50	650	15					
Highmore	A. W. Thurston	350	75	425	302	75	377	48	35	32	413	30					
Hitchcock	D. Barker	450	50	500	477	50	527		45	47	581	96					
Huron.....	W. J. Calfee	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350		120	120	1480	25					
Iroquois	Frank Baker	425	15	440	378	15	383	47	44	44	416						
Miller and St. Lawrence	J. E. Norvell	450	48	498	404	48	452	46	45	32	485	6					
Onida	F. J. Long	405		405	405		405		40	45	454	3					
Pierre	J. E. Houlgate	700		700	700		700		70	70	773	14					
Redfield	W. B. Redburn	700	150	850	700	150	850		70	63	919	10					
Wessington	L. V. Slocum	410		410	410		410		41	37	449	3					
Wessington Springs	S. A. Chappell	575	75	650	575	75	650		58	58	716	7					
Winthrop	J. J. Ramsey	305		305	310		310		30	35	351	8					
Wolsey	C. B. Warren	350	50	400	207	50	257	143	35	20	279						
Total		9695	958	10653	9246	958	10204	537	1002	921	11199	115					
									114	74		3					
											118	1530					
												847					

C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

STATISTICS No. 3.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPP'T OF PRESID'NG ELDERS.	SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.	CONF. CLAIMANTS.		CUR. EXPEN.		
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.		Deficiencies				REC'D FROM	REC'D FROM			
		Total	House Rent	Salary	Total	Amount Paid	Amount Appor- tioned			Other Sources	Collections			
Alexandria	F. J. Norton.....	\$800	.....	\$800	\$830	.....	\$830	\$56	\$56	\$15	.....	\$70
Armour and Delmont	M. E. Nickerson.....	750	.....	750	790	.....	790	50	50	3	3	60
Artesian	B. F. Stiles	400	\$52	452	381	\$52	433	19	40	3	3	35		
Canastota										6	6	.....	
Castalia and La Roche	E. F. Underwood.....	250	.....	250	250	.....	250	40	40	2	2	16
Carthage and Roswell	Fred E. Brown.....	300	.....	300	340	.....	340	32	32	1	1	20
Chamberlain	J. T. Gurney.....	350	.....	350	326	.....	326	24	16	10	10	20
Edgerton	T. J. Davis.....	700	40	740	800	40	840	40	40	5	10	50		
Fulton	G. J. Corwin.....	600	100	700	521	100	621	79	50	7	9	63		
Gann Valley										4	9	.....	
Howard	W. L. Meinzer	500	96	596	500	96	506	44	44	10	10	20		
Kimball and Pukwana	N. P. Johnson.....	.....	.....	417	72	489	.....	44	38	2	2	30
Letcher	R. N. Kratz	500	.....	500	280	.....	280	220	20	5	9	75
Mitchell	A. C. Stevens.....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	.....	100	100	175	175	25	
Milltown	W. P. Slocum.....	150	.....	150	120	.....	120	30	20	1	1	36
Mt. Vernon	H. S. Coon.....	428	72	500	428	72	500	.....	40	6	10	64	
Parkston and Ethan	J. N. Fulford.....	570	.....	570	570	.....	570	50	50	1	1	35
Plankinton	W. H. Irwin.....	500	.....	500	470	.....	470	30	40	4	3	20
Salem	W. S. Shepherd	700	80	780	700	80	780	.....	50	10	14	95	
Scotland	F. C. MacBuffee	500	100	600	490	100	590	10	40	7	10	105		
Springfield	W. A. Cave .....	.....	267	.....	267	.....	.....	26	.....	5	8	33
Tripp, Olivet and Mennno	I. P. Potter	475	60	535	475	60	535	.....	40	8	8	40	
Tyudall	A. P. Janes	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	36	36	10	45	
White Lake	J. C. Baker	400	24	424	400	24	424	.....	32	4	8	40	
Woonsocket	W. F. Minty	700	100	800	605	100	705	95	48	43	12	32		
Total		11173	914	12147	11560	1046	12606	507	928	941	2	921		
										80	13185	156		
											1334	1334		

STATISTICS No. 3.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPP'T OF PRESID'NG ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIMANTS.		CUR. EXPEN.		
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.		Deficiencies		SUPP'T OF PRESID'NG ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIMANTS.		S.S.: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.		
		Total	Amount Appor-tioned	Total	Amount Paid	Total	Amount Paid	Total	Amount Appor-tioned	Total	Amount Paid	Total	Amount Appor-tioned	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops		
Alcester.....	R. B. Beavis.....	\$575	\$144	\$719	\$510	\$144	\$654	\$65	\$46	\$1	\$701	\$2	\$30			
Beresford.....	O. A. Phillips.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	..	56	7	760	5	40	26		
Canton.....	C. E. Matteson.....	840	100	940	840	100	940	..	84	10	1084	16	165	130		
Centerville.....	Donald C. McLean.....	800	100	900	800	100	900	..	60	6	966	16	16	82		
Coleman.....	Sidney L. Shurtliff.....	450	450	450	450	450	450	..	50	50	500	..	15	18		
Dell Rapids.....	John Lewtas.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	..	56	7	757	10	10	30		
Egan.....	John Kaye.....	580	60	640	580	60	640	..	48	5	691	11	44	46		
Elkpoint.....	G. T. Notson.....	700	150	800	565	150	715	135	66	52	769	5	120	24		
Flandreau.....	G. F. Hopkins.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	..	66	66	1021	7	92	86		
Flandreau Circuit.....	D. C. Arns.....	110	110	75	75	75	75	35	20	20	95	..	12	12		
Gayville.....	W. C. Cleworth.....	600	100	700	538	100	638	62	52	7	687	3	3	39		
Hudson.....	H. P. Eberhart.....	625	625	625	625	625	625	..	52	7	675	9	100	55		
Hartford and Prospect.....	Arehibald Jamieson.....	490	75	565	490	75	565	..	50	50	618	72	72	55		
Hurley.....	L. W. Darling.....	450	72	522	400	72	472	50	44	35	507	2	2	45		
Lennox.....	A. E. Tanner.....	550	75	625	551	75	625	..	50	50	679	6	6	55		
Lodi.....	Frank R. Brokaw.....	365	50	415	360	50	410	5	40	40	454	7	7	36		
Madison.....	A. C. Shepherd.....	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	..	90	90	1145	18	18	102		
Montrose.....	W. O. Gram.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	..	80	80	1035	14	14	125		
Parker.....	F. T. Nicholls.....	1500	400	1900	1500	400	1900	..	130	130	2040	12	12	100		
Sioux Falls First Ch'.....	W. H. Jordan.....	425	..	425	435	..	435	..	40	40	477	5	5	400		
Sioux Falls Jordan Ch'.....	W. B. Stewart.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1000	..	100	100	1314	20	20	300		
Vermillion.....	J. P. Jenkins.....	525	..	525	460	..	460	65	56	48	508	13	13	80		
Valley Springs.....	Thomas Morris.....	600	..	600	589	..	589	11	52	52	646	10	10	50		
Wakonda.....	W. C. Redfield.....	650	200	850	650	200	850	..	50	50	900	5	5	49		
Yankton.....	Lachlin McLean.....	Total	1546	2376	17922	15118	2376	17494	428	1444	1396	135	88	18978	198	
														198	2382	1398

DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

STATISTICS No. 3.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT. DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder.

STATISTICS NO. 4.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

O. H. SPROUL, Presiding Elder.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE.										
BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS										
MISSIONS.		EDUCA- TION.		Total						
Total	Other Benevo- lent Collections	(a) Church	(b) Sunday- School	Other Benevo- lent Collections						
Aberdeen.....	\$240	\$10	\$250	\$30	\$2	\$2	\$15	\$15	\$17	\$661
Andover.....										51
Ashton.....	27	16	27	3	1	1	5	5	3	93
Bangor.....	16	5	32	3	1	2	6	6	4	212
Bath and Columbia.....	50	5	55	8	2	1	12	12	4	33
Bowdle.....	20		20	3						217
Britton.....	40	25	35	10	3		9	35	4	92
Claremont.....	23		23					7	4	80
Conde.....	39		39	4	1	1	3	20	3	157
Devoe.....	43	12	55	5	1	1	1	22	1	62
Doland.....	20	10	30	3	1	1	6	20	1	95
Frederick.....	26	10	36	5	2	1	4	20	1	140
Groton.....	51		51	10	1	1	6	31	2	5
Hecla.....								2		25
Langford.....	6	4	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	50
Leota.....										114
Mound City.....	40	3	43	6	1	1	4	24	3	6
Northville.....	59	11	70	5	1	1	4	33	1	5
Warner.....	11		11	1			3	3	2	8
Total.....	711	106	817	98	19	15	90	317	69	2278

HURON DISTRICT.

THOMAS SIMMONS, Presiding Elder.

STATISTICS No. 4.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																						
MISSIONS.		EDUCA- TION.		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																		
MISSIONS.		(a) Public Edu- cation Society.		(b) Children's Fund.		Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educa- tion Society.		Tract Society.		Sunday-school Union.		Board of Church Extension.		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		Woman's Home Missionary Society		Total Other Benevo- lent Collections.		Total.		
(a) Church.	(b) Sunday- school.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	
Alpena																						
Blunt																						
Burdette																						
Cavour																						
Desmet																						
Faulkton																						
Forest City																						
Gettysburg																						
Highmore																						
Hitchcock																						
Huron																						
Iroquois																						
Miller and St Lawrence																						
Onida																						
Pierre																						
Redfield																						
Wessington																						
Wessington Springs																						
Winthrop																						
Wolsey																						
Total																						
		616	112	728	63	13	13	54	363	41	4	89	1	85	47	118	74	1693				

NAMES OF CHARGES.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										DAKOTA CONFERENCE.													
MISSIONS.		EDUCA- TION.		BENEVO- LENCE.		MISSIONS.		EDUCA- TION.		BENEVO- LENCE.		MISSIONS.		EDUCA- TION.		BENEVO- LENCE.		MISSIONS.		EDUCA- TION.		BENEVO- LENCE.	
Alexandria.....																							
Armour and Delmont.....																							
Artesian.....																							
Canastota.....																							
Castalia and La Roche.....																							
Carthage and Roswell.....																							
Chamberlain.....																							
Edgerton.....																							
Fulton.....																							
Gann Valley.....																							
Howard.....																							
Kimbball and Pukwana.....																							
Letcher.....																							
Mitchell.....																							
Milltown.....																							
Mt. Vernon.....																							
Parkston and Ethan.....																							
Plankinton.....																							
Salem.....																							
Scotland.....																							
Springfield.....																							
Tripp, Olivet and Menno.....																							
Tyndall.....																							
White Lake.....																							
Woonsocket.....																							
Total.....																							
	774	141	915	77	14	8	100	399	67	7	235	3	405	46	156	80	2512						

STATISTICS No. 4.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	
MISSIONS.		EDUCA-		TION.		WOMAN'S HOME		MISSIONARY SOCIETY		WOMAN'S FOREIGN		MISSIONARY SOCIETY		GENERAL CONFERENCE			
(a) CHURCH		(b) SUNDAY-		SCHOOL		TRACT SOCIETY		EXTENSION		UNION		SCHOOL		EXPENSES			
Total																	
Episcopal Fund																	
Conference Claims- ants	\$25																
General Conference Expenses	\$211																
Total Other Benevo- lent Collections	\$70																
Woman's Home Missionary Society																	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society																	
American Bible Society																	
(b) Children's Fund	\$215																
(a) Public Edu- cational Col- lection	\$725																
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educa- tion Society																	
Tract Society																	
Sunday-school																	
Board of Church Extension																	
Total	\$30																
(b) Sunday- School	\$16																
(a) Church	\$12																
Total	1117	227	1352	187	24	19	77	378	79	12	609	1	512	71	204	88	3563

STATISTICS No. 4.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT. DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE AND SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

DISTRICT.

										Ministerial Support..	
										Value of Parsonages..	
										No. of Parsonages.....	
										Value of Churches.....	
										No. of Churches.....	
										Scholars	
										Officers and Teachers	
										No. of Sunday- schools	
										Baptisms.....	
										Full Members.....	
										Probationers	
										Year	
Aberdeen										1898	160
										1899	132
*Gain or Loss.....											—28
Huron.....										1898	191
										1899	188
*Gain or Loss.....											—3
Mitchell.....										1898	184
										1899	196
*Gain or Loss.....											12
Sioux Falls										1898	323
										1899	299
*Gain or Loss.....											—24
Watertown										1898	210
										1899	187
*Gain or Loss.....											—23
Grand Totals										1898	1068
										1003	9957
*Gain or Loss.....											—65

*Loss indicated by dash.

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NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	EDUCATION.										Grand Totals.....	
	Conference Ants.....	Claimants.....	Episcopal Fund.....	General Conference Expenses.....	Total Other Benevolent Collections.....	Asbury Hospital.....	Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	American Bible Society.....	(b) Children's Fund.....	(a) Public Educational Collection.....	Grand Totals.....
Aberdeen	\$815 737	\$98 117	\$20 22	\$15 19	\$90 69	\$331 331	\$179 178	\$4 1	\$30 12	\$163 42	\$92 61	\$2172 1764
Huron.....	688 941	63 79	13 18	13 15	54 65	361 384	46 50	4 5	150 60	35 19	31 73	408 1671 2081
Mitchell.....	913 726	81 56	14 9	8 6	100 42	401 420	67 51	7 8	213 112	3 2	42 2	410 2482 1820
Sioux Falls.....	1362 1458	137 137	24 22	19 23	77 85	357 363	80 55	12 14	609 476	1 5	111 2	612 489 344 233
Watertown	918 860	99 95	11 7	11 8	76 59	287 184	96 65	12 10	287 248	7 1	136 13 51	550 375 71 196 71 0 152
For Conference.....	4696 4730	478 484	82 78	66 71	397 320	1738 1682	358 286	52 40	1378 1101	1195 610	302 20	12099 815 429 614 360
	—34	—6	4	—5	77	56	72	12	277	5	16	1659 282 201 69

EPWORTH LEAGUE STATISTICS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

CHARGE.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. Leagues.....	No. Heralds
*Aberdeen	1 Aberdeen	46	25
Andover	No report		
Ashton	No report		
Bath	1 Bath	30	40
Bangor	1 Bangor	32	40
Bowdle	1 Bowdle	14	15
Britton	1 Britton	24	30
Claremont	1 Claremont	25	44
Conde	1 Conde	16	30
Devoe	1 Devoe	10	16
Doland	1 Doland	26	14
Frederick	3 { Frederick	21	21
	Westport	32	32
Groton	2 { Oneota	15	23
	Groton	37	40
Langford	1 Langford	20	30
Leola	No report	10	17
Mound City	1 Mound City	15	20
Northville	3 { Northville	20	20
	Mellette	15	16
	Prairieville	23	35
Warner	2 { Warner	10	10
	Scatterwood	27	30
Total	21.....	468	177
			645
			108

HURON DISTRICT.

Alpena	2 { Alpena	15	15	
Blunt	No report	51	51	15
Burdette	2 { Burdette	24	24	2
	Bog Lake	16	5	2
Cavour	2 { Kreek	28	8	1
	Pearl	21	3	1
Desmet	1 Desmet	12	4	6
Faulkton	1 Faulkton	23	9	3
Forest City	No League			
Gettysburg	1 Gettysburg	21	5	28
Highmore	No League			
Hitchcock	1 Hitchcock	23	13	25
†Huron	1 Huron	73	16	29
Iroquois	1 Iroquois	13	5	6
Miller	1 Wesleyan	25	12	3
Onida	1 Onida	10	2	12
Pierre	1 Vincent	55	55	5
Redfield	1 Redfield	73	73	20
Wessington	1 Wessington	18	6	20
Wessington Springs	1 Wessington Springs	27	10	14
Winthrop	1 Winthrop	31	9	3
Wolsey	1 Bonilla	18	22	1
Total	20.....	572	129	701
				170

* Gives \$50 for Missions.

† Largest League.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

CHARGE.	No. Leagues	NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. Heralds		
			Total	No. Associate Members	No. Active Members
Alexandria	2	Alexandria	20	20	15
Armour	1	Bard	25	25	22
Artesian	2	Artesian	16	9	21
Artesian	2	Letcher	16	13	24
Artesian	1	No report	9	15	1
Canastota	1	No report .....	.....	.....	.....
Castalia	1	Jasper	20	15	35
Edgerton	1	Farwell	12	12	5
Fulton	1	Howard	18	3	21
Howard	1	Kimball	30	.....	1
Kimball	1	Mitchell	81	3	84
Mitchell	1	Mount Vernon	23	15	38
Mount Vernon	2	Lisbon	10	15	25
Parkston	1	Tripp	20	.....	20
Plankinton	1	Plankinton	22	11	33
Salem	1	No League .....	.....	.....	.....
Scotland	1	Scotland	21	14	35
Tyndall and Springfield	1	Tyndall	39	32	71
White Lake	1	White Lake	21	7	28
Woonsocket	1	McCabe	20	20	40
Total	19		423	172	595
					94

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

Alcester	1	Alcester	25	20	45	10
Beresford	1	Excelsior	33	20	53	.....
Canton	1	Canton	35	21	56	13
Centerville	1	Centerville	21	10	31	5
Colman	3	Colman	15	2	17	2
Colman	3	Wellman	23	17	40	.....
Colman	3	Prospect	10	9	19	.....
Dell Rapids	1	Dell Rapids	24	13	37	2
Elkpoint	1	Elkpoint	33	21	54	12
Flandreau	3	Flandreau	38	15	53	14
Flandreau	3	Liberty	31	3	34	3
Gayville	1	Union	14	6	20	1
Gayville	1	Gayville	10	.....	10	6
Flandreau Circuit	1	.....	35	.....	35	.....
Hartford	1	Hartford	12	12	24	3
Hudson	2	Hudson and Fairview	70	.....	70	.....
Hurley	1	Hurley	22	12	34	.....
Lennox	1	Lennox	29	12	41	7
Madison	1	Madison	65	6	71	30
Montrose	1	No report .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Parker	1	Parker	40	3	43	4
Sioux Falls—First Church	1	Sioux Falls	60	12	72	20
Sioux Falls—Jordan	1	Jordan	20	.....	20	4
*Vermillion	1	Vermillion	49	6	55	50
Wakonda	1	Wakonda	23	19	42	4
Yankton	1	Yankton	20	30	50	20
Total	26		757	269	1026	183

*Takes greatest number of *Heralds*.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

CHARGE.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. Leagues.....	No. Associate Members.....	No. Active Members.....	No. Herkis
Arlington.....	Arlington.....	1	33	19	52
Bigstone City.....	Bigstone	1	22	22	5
Bradley	No League.....				
Bristol	Bristol	2	25	9	34
Brookings	Brookings	1	21	10	31
Castlewood and Bruce.....	No League.....				
Clark	Chaplain	1	35	15	50
Clearlake	No League.....				
Elkton	No League.....				
Garden City	Garden City.....	1	15	15	10
Gary	Gary.....	1	19	36	55
Hazel.....	Hazel.....	1	14	10	24
Henry	Henry	1	25	25	7
Kampeska	No League.....				
Lake Preston.....	Lake Preston.....	1	18	14	32
* Millbank	Millbank.....	1	25	23	48
Sisseton	Sisseton.....	1	26	3	29
Summit	No League.....				
Twinbrooks.....	No League.....				
Watertown	Watertown	1	55	55	25
Waubay	Morning Star	1	21	5	26
Webster.....	No League.....				
While	While	2	34	14	48
Whiterock	Prairie Home		16	3	19
Willowlakes	Whiterock	1	24	8	32
Wilmot	No League.....				
Wilmot	Wilmot	2	8	7	15
	Corona		24	21	45
Total		20		480	232
				712	206

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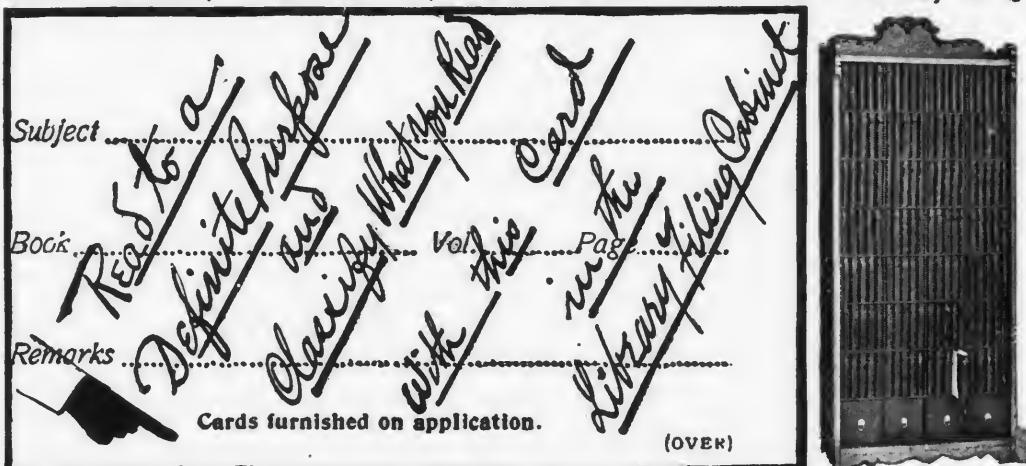
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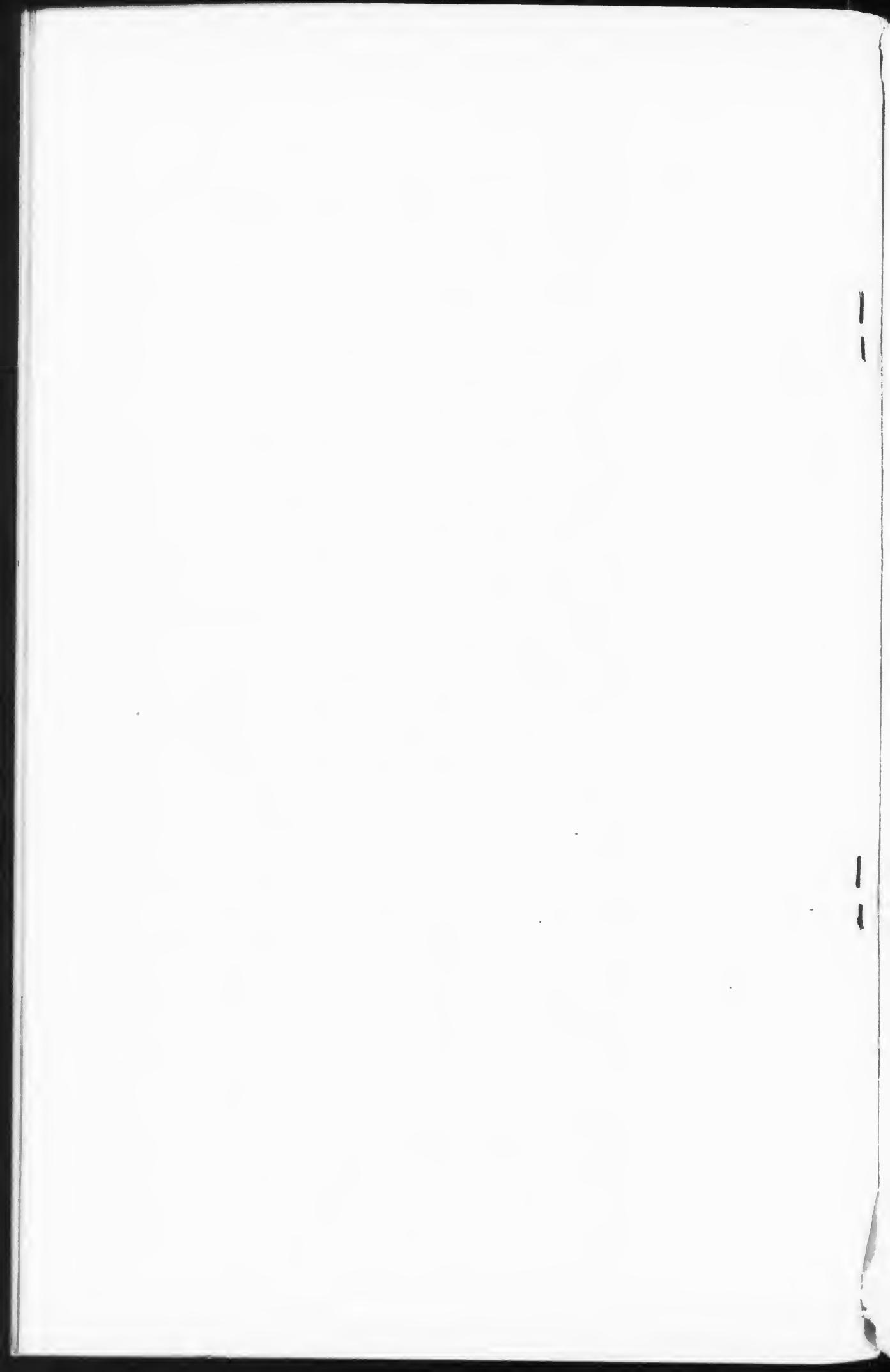
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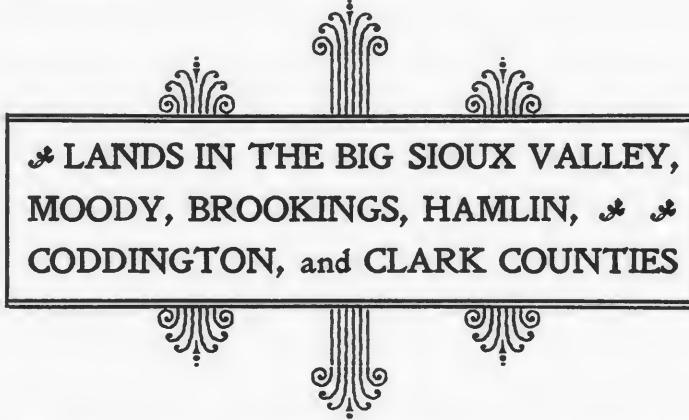


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